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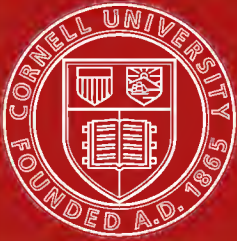
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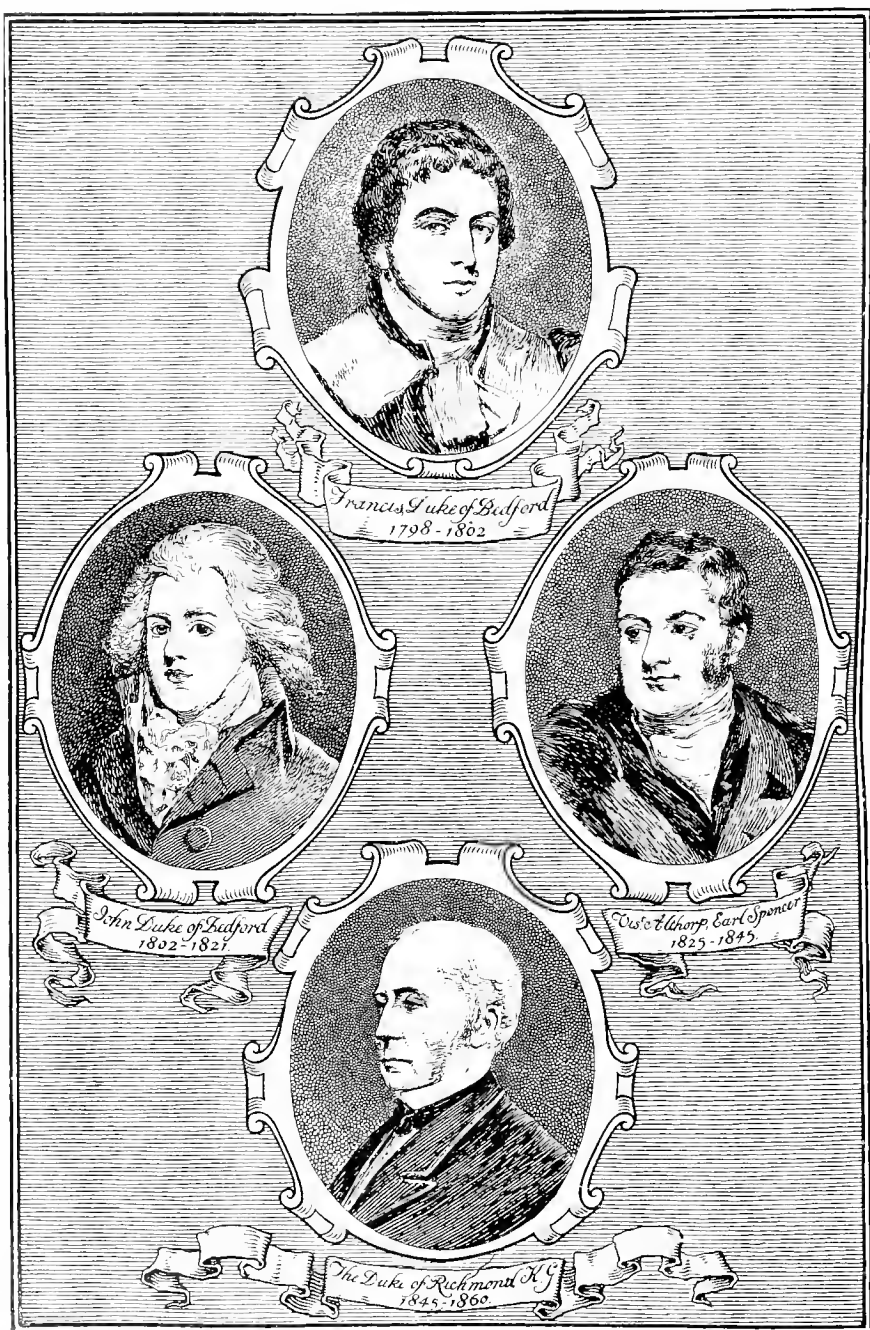
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ON December 17th, 1798, the great Smithfield market day before Christmas, a number of agriculturists assembled under the Presidency of the Duke of Bedford and laid the foundation, under the title of the *Smithfield Cattle and Sheep Society*, of the national society, now known as the Smithfield Club. No small interest must always attach to the first roll of members, and especially to the first name on the roll—John Wilkes, of Measham, Derbyshire,—the proposer of the Society, for the little institution then founded has grown in the course of one hundred years to a more commanding position and exercised a greater influence upon the Agriculture of this country, than could ever have been hoped for or anticipated by its founders.

In the June following, at an adjourned meeting held by invitation of the Duke of Bedford at the Woburn Sheep Shearing—a noted place and event in the agricultural annals of the last century—the preliminaries for commencing and carrying out of the object of the Society were completed.

This at the time took the form of offering premiums for the best beast above a stated weight, and fed on grass, hay, turnips, or cabbages; also for the best beast fed on corn or oil cake; for the best sheep fed on hay, grass, turnips, or cabbages; and for the best sheep fed on corn or cake.

But the great object present in the minds of the founders, viz. the improvement of the stock of the country, and particularly the bringing out of the principle of early maturity, which is only another instance of the application of quick returns in trade to agricultural matters—was emphasized by subsequent prize lists, and also by the admirable speeches delivered at the dinners which were held during each Show. When we remember that a great increase in population was taking place in the country about this very time (1798), we can see of what vital importance the

increase of the food supply became to the nation, and how opportune in its object and aims was the establishment of the Smithfield Club.

Naturally the one and best way of carrying out such an object would be by holding Shows, the value of which as a means of exciting interest and imparting instruction, needs no demonstration. Much interest, therefore, will always gather round the different places where the Shows of the Society were held, as marking more or less distinct epochs of progress, and helping to mark off the three great periods of the Club's history.

1798-1838.

The first Show was held at Wootton's Livery Stables (Dolphin Yard), Smithfield. Fifty guineas were offered as prizes in the four classes represented, and over £40 was taken as entrance money. It was a beginning. The animals exhibited attracted considerable notice, and the prize sheep was considered to be the first that ever stood on Smithfield stones.*

At an early stage it became necessary to correct an erroneous idea that the aim, or at least one aim, of the Society was to benefit a class. The President, the Duke of Bedford, at the annual dinner in 1800, took occasion to refer to this idea, and also to further define the real aim the members should have in view. He said—

“Without doubt there are two things we should most solicitously avoid: first, most certainly not to associate to raise prices Secondly, we ought to pursue no measure which would have even the appearance of raising prices. The only true object of the farmer is to profit, not by high prices, but by *great products*. The increase of

*In connection with this it may be interesting to quote from an account of London, written by Fitz-Stephen in the reign of Henry II. (1154-1189) in which he speaks of the market as follows:—

Of Smethfield.

“Without one of the gates is a certain field plain [or smooth] both in name and situation. Every Tuesday unless some greater festival come in the way, there is a brave sight of gallant horses to be sold, many come out of the city to buy or look on, to wit, Earls, Barons, Knights and Citizens, all resorting thither In another part stand the country people with cattle, and commodities of the field, large swine, and kine with their udders strutting out, fair bodied oxen and woolly flock.”

It was not until 1614, that the market was paved all over.



SMITHFIELD 1800.

[From a print in the possession of Messrs. Herbert & Sons, West Smithfield.]

quantity, not price, should ever be his aim." He laid stress on the necessity of not doing the slightest injury to the public, but on the contrary, the doing of a great and decided good to them.

"This," he continued, "we have in our power, and I trust we shall show it in the effects of our institution; for it will be of essential service to prove what breeds of cattle they are which give most food for man, from given quantities of food for animals. This is an object worthy of any Society; and this object, I trust, will be effected by the unremitted zeal, enlightened views, and active exertions of this Society."

The five subsequent Shows were also held in the Dolphin Yard, and it was during this time (1802) that the young Society lost its first President, Francis, Duke of Bedford, whose place was taken by his brother, John, Duke of Bedford. It also changed its name to that which it now holds. As early as the year 1800 the President had made a proposition that the Society should be re-constituted, and the determination to establish it as a permanent Club was carried, but it was not until 1802 that the title of the "Smithfield Club" became its permanent designation. At first the proposal was to limit the Club to fifty members, these were afterwards (1802) increased to 100, to 120 in 1804, and finally in 1805 its membership became unlimited as to numbers.

In the same year, 1805, the Show was held at Dixon's Repository, Barbican, and shortly afterwards came the resignation of the Club's first Secretary and Treasurer, Arthur Young, Esq., who had been identified with its working from the commencement. It is no small distinction that the Club had succeeded in its earliest days in securing the services of men of proved experience and ability, and Mr. Young had already, as the first Secretary of the Agricultural Board, held for years a strong and recognized position in Agricultural circles. Mr. John Farey succeeded to the office of Secretary, and Mr. Paul Giblett became Treasurer.

In 1806 the Show was removed to more commodious premises in Mr. Sadler's Yard, Sadler's Wells, Goswell Street, where it continued to be held until 1838. For several years the Club's record was one of steady progress. The Agricultural organs of the day had begun to give full accounts of its proceedings, and the attractiveness of the Shows was beginning to draw the general public, the

presence of ladies being now frequently alluded to. In other quarters also it had attracted notice and appreciation, as will be seen in the letter of a Scotch breeder in the *Farmers' Magazine* in 1810, advocating the establishment of a similar Society for Scotland. A proof, too, that the Club was already attaining some part at least of its object, is seen in the classification of animals according to breeds, which took place between 1807 and 1815, and the consequent widening out of the prize lists. The Duke of Bedford had, at the dinner in 1808, remarked, in noticing the great increase in the number of beasts and sheep sold in Smithfield, and the improvement and excellence of their own exhibits, that "these results could not have been attained but by the gradual banishment of numerous coarse and unprofitable breeds from our pastures and supplying their place with breeds disposed to early and perfect maturity." There is no question but that the Smithfield Club had taken a leading part in bringing about this improvement, and a great impetus was given to its endeavours by the munificent act of the President, who in 1813 gave the sum of 125 guineas to be offered annually in plate and medals, known afterwards as the "Bedfordian Plate," and a die, with the profile of the Duke of Bedford, engraved by Mr. Joseph Porter from the original bust of the Duke by Mr. Nollekens, was prepared for the medals. The same year, the Duke of Bedford temporarily resigned the Presidency on proceeding to the Continent, but resumed it, at the invitation of the Club, on his return.

But the great crisis was at hand which nearly brought the Club's existence to an end. A society such as this would naturally consist of what may be termed enthusiasts, with a certain following of steady adherents, and also a number of members who had been attracted for various reasons. The defection of many of the latter, and the backwardness of others in the matter of paying their subscriptions, together with the general depression following on the termination of the war, brought on the financial difficulties which occasioned, in the year 1816, the determination to give no prizes in the following year, 1817, except the Bedfordian Plate and Medals, and led in that year to the suggestion of the President, that the Club, having sufficiently attained the object for which it was formed, should be dissolved. There were not wanting many who were disposed to agree with the President, but there were not wanting many also, who, as in the great nation of old,

would not despair of their country, and who considered that further and greater benefits in the improvement of live stock might be brought about by a continuance of their exertions, and the views of these prevailed. How far-sighted and right these views were, have been amply demonstrated by the subsequent history of the Club.

In 1821, however, the Duke of Bedford finally withdrew from the Club, and announced his discontinuance of the Bedford prizes.*

No history of the Club would be complete which did not place on record the great and important services which the Dukes of Bedford rendered to it. What a thoughtful, wise, and generous parent is to the child, these noblemen were to the Club in the early days of its existence. Their names, indeed, were so identified with it, that its Shows at one time were popularly known as the Duke of Bedford's Cattle Show. They will always stand high among the Agriculturists of this country, but none of their labours will be remembered with more gratitude than the fostering care which they bestowed upon the Smithfield Club in the earlier years of the first great period of its existence.

For three years the Presidency was vacant, the duties attaching to the office being discharged by one of the Vice-Presidents—the late Sir John S. Sebright, Bart., until in 1825 it secured a worthy successor to its former Presidents in the person of Viscount Althorp, afterwards Earl Spencer—a nobleman, who, like his predecessor, was destined to exercise a great and permanent influence upon its fortunes.

In 1826, the Secretary, Mr. John Farey died, and was succeeded by Mr. William Farey, who held the office until his death in 1836, when Mr. Humphrey Gibbs was elected Honorary Secretary.

Between these dates the Club was gradually extending its influence, and a lady exhibitor, Miss Strickland, a daughter of Sir George Strickland—a noted breeder of Durhams—had already carried off a prize. Its sphere of usefulness became so enlarged that steps were taken to obtain better premises in order to provide for its increasing requirements. This desirable end was accomplished in 1838, when the premises known as the Horse Bazaar, in Baker Street, were acquired for the Show of 1839.

*That His Grace did not cease to take an interest in the Shows may be seen from the fact that in 1825, he, with three Herefords defeated three Durhams belonging to the Rt. Hon. Charles Arbuthnot, thus carrying off a sweepstake.

1839-1861.

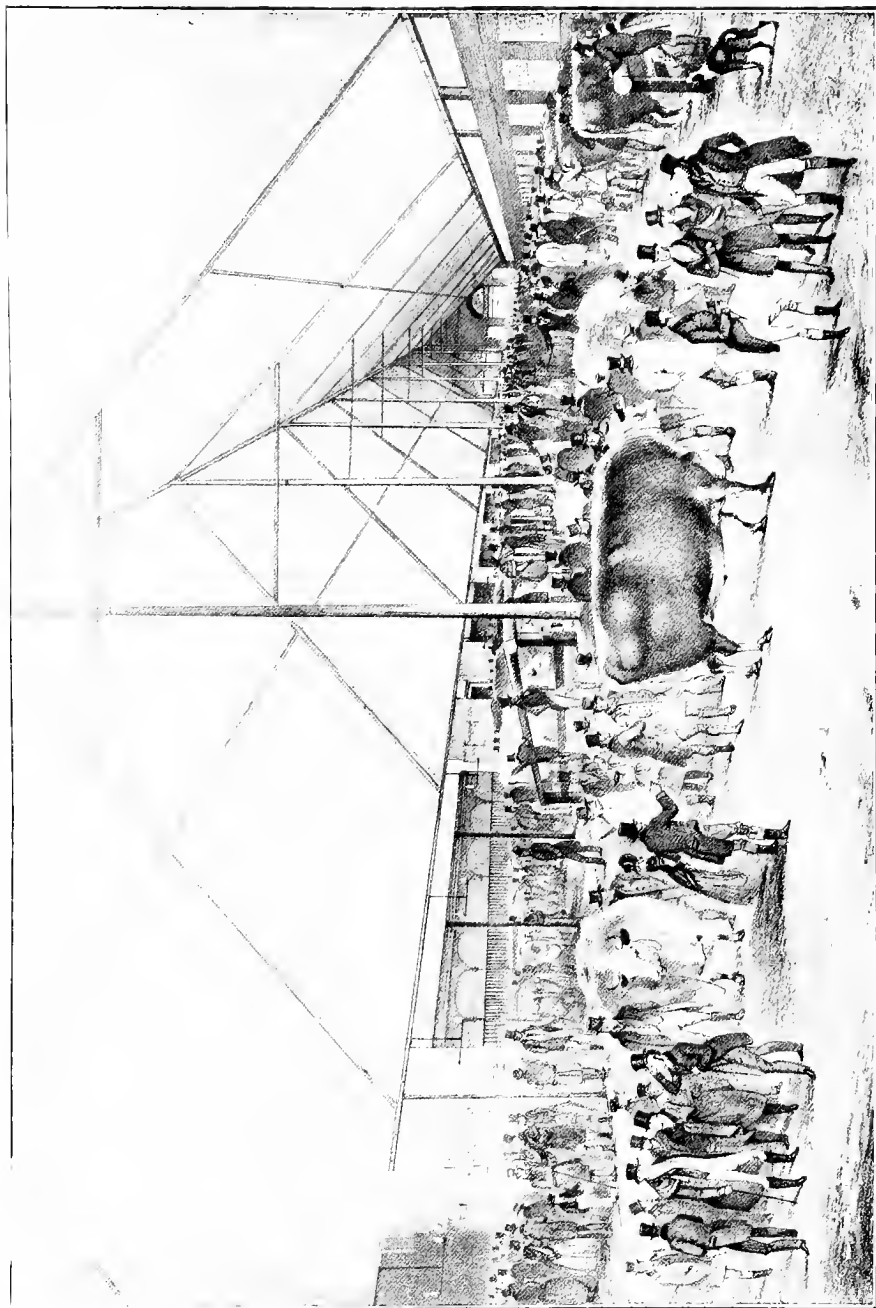
The first Show in the new premises at Baker Street was held under happy auspices. The situation was a little distant from Smithfield, but this slight drawback was counterbalanced by so many advantages that all concerned agreed in congratulating the Club upon the change. Great alterations and improvements had been made for the purpose of showing to advantage the various breeds, and affording room for the visitors. The wider thoroughfares, the better lighting, and the arrangements generally by which visitors could view the animals in greater comfort, formed such a contrast to the Club's late quarters in Goswell Street, as to realise the expectations of those who had anticipated that more spacious and convenient premises would not only produce a larger exhibition, but would also induce a larger number of persons to visit the Show yard. It was estimated that from 20,000 to 25,000 people attended during the Show days, including a number of ladies of rank, while as to the exhibition itself, the journals of the day, as well as the speeches at the annual dinner, laid stress upon its unusual excellence.

It is pleasant to note also that the financial trials, once so heavy a drag upon the Club's usefulness, had now disappeared.

Not the least interesting feature of this auspicious meeting was the reference by the President to the recently-formed Agricultural Society (now the Royal Agricultural Society of England), and the drinking of the health of the President, the Duke of Richmond. His Grace, in reply, anticipated that the new society would be as successful as the Highland Society—an anticipation which has been more than fulfilled—and made a humorous appeal for recruits.

The late Sir B. T. Brandreth Gibbs considered that the proposal for the formation of the Royal Agricultural Society of England having been first publicly announced by the President of the Club, at the Annual Dinner at the Freemason's Hall, on December 11th, 1837, the Royal Agricultural Society may, therefore, fairly be looked upon as an offspring of the Club.*

* Such various versions have been given of the origin and foundation of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, I may here state, that the late Mr. Wm. Shaw (the Editor of the *Mark Lane Express and Farmers' Magazine*, who, on the formation of the Society became Secretary), had an interview with the late Earl Spencer, the President of the Club, and Mr. Humphrey Gibbs, the Hon. Secretary, in the Club's parlour in



THE SMITHFIELD CLUB'S CATTLE EXHIBITION, DEC. 11-14, 1836, AT THE HORSE BAZAAR, BAKER STREET.

(From a print published by Messrs. Foxes, Piccadilly.)

Though some thought that the new Society would develop at the expense of the older one, it has not turned out so, and there certainly never was any idea of rivalry in any shape or form in the minds of the agriculturists who were associated with both these workers in the common cause. The Smithfield Club had its own special aim, which may be briefly described as scientific breeding and feeding. It, therefore, could not fail to be at one with a Society whose own aim was to bring science to bear upon all other Agricultural operations. But in this connection it may be noted that at the annual dinner during the Show of 1840, the President, Earl Spencer, in laying stress upon the common bond of action alluded to, said: "It is now three years since, in this room, I suggested the establishment of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. I hope and trust that there is not one of you, that chanced to be present, who has reason to regret the establishment of the Society. But for the Smithfield Club, that Society would never have existed."

Among the guests on that occasion was the President of the Royal Agricultural Society for the year, Philip Pusey, Esq., M.P., who, in reponse to the toast of his health and success to the Royal Agricultural Society of England, said: "I should feel great embarrassment in returning thanks for the honour you have done me, but that I see present many of the members of the Society of which I have the honour to be President. It is natural that I should feel some embarrassment on this occasion, the more so, as I feel that this room is the cradle of the Royal Agricultural Society. To our noble President, to the Duke of Richmond, to Mr. Handley, and many others, the Society owes its existence."

Mr. Pusey's speech at the same meeting is noteworthy for a reference to the Club's own work. In noticing the increase in population we have already referred to, and the

Goswell Street, on the 8th of December, 1837, and it was then determined that, if the co-operation of the Duke of Richmond could be obtained, its formation should be publicly mooted at the dinner of the Club on the 11th, as recorded above. In doing this, the late Earl Spencer, after having alluded to the objects of the Club, as not embracing agriculture generally, said, "If a society were established for agricultural purposes exclusively, I hesitate not to assert that it would be productive of the most essential benefits to the English farmer;" and later in the evening, the Duke of Richmond said, "As an individual I feel it my duty to give my support to my noble friend in his exertions to institute such a society." The late Mr. Handley also expressed his thorough concurrence in the proposal.—B.T.B.G.

fear that it would soon be impossible to produce sufficient for the consumption of the country, he said: "At this day we produce two sheep fit for the market where our forefathers only produced one, and this great result is owing in a great measure, to the formation of clubs of this description."

An example from the working of the Club of the desire to encourage the development and improvement of breeds specially suited to particular localities, is seen from the establishment about this time of a class for Scotch and Welsh (and later on Irish) cattle, in order that their development should not be retarded by the discouragement involved in competing with larger growing breeds.

The Show in 1840 was visited on the Tuesday by H.R.H. Prince Albert, and also on the Thursday by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge.

It was at the meeting in this year that, in increasing the value of the Gold Medal, it was determined as a token of the Club's appreciation of their President's interest and labours on their behalf, that Earl Spencer's likeness be stamped on the side of it, and that his Lordship be requested to sit to Mr. William Wyon, R.A., of the Mint, in order that a perfect likeness be procured.

The progress of the Club was now very rapid. H.R.H. Prince Albert, and H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, were both elected members in 1841. In 1843, Mr. Humphrey Gibbs resigned the office of Hon. Secretary, and was succeeded by Mr. (afterwards Sir) B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, whose name will always be honourably associated with the Club.

In 1844 Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Albert visited the Show.

Of course increased attention caused a certain misconception of the effects of the Club's efforts, by those who were imperfectly acquainted with the objects which the Club had in view, and this misconception has continued among some until the present day. The writer of "British Husbandry," in Vol. I. of the "Library of Useful Knowledge," while placing the Smithfield Club first among those who have contributed to the high state of perfection which a portion of our cattle have attained, says that it has been ludicrously objected to by the latter, that the animals exhibited at their Annual Show are

"Too dear to buy, too fat to eat,"

and an impression has gone forth that the premiums

conferred on the feeders have been injudiciously bestowed. But, as the writer justly observes, the object in view is not the promotion of such a system of feeding as shall bring cattle generally to that condition ; it is to ascertain what breed will soonest and with the most inexpensive food become fit for the shambles. This view was brought out forcibly by the President at the dinner of the Club on their 28th anniversary, when he combatted the idea that it was throwing money away to bring animals to such a degree of fatness as they had then attained. In the letter of the Scotch Breeder, in 1810, already alluded to, the writer is shrewd enough to see that because animals are brought to the Show in such a state of fatness, that "is no reason why they should never be killed until in that condition ; and such a breed as will get so excessively fat, will certainly become moderately so, sooner than another breed that can never be overfed to such a pitch with any degree of attention that can possibly be bestowed upon it."

In 1845 the Earl Spencer died, having been President 20 years. As we cannot tell what the Smithfield Club would have been, or whether it would not have fallen to pieces without his efforts, so we cannot estimate the exact debt the Club owes to him. He was a born agriculturist, with views far ahead of those generally held in his day, and a manner and power over men which gave him the greatest possible influence in such matters. Many stories are told of his love for all things agricultural, and there was no surer way of gaining his attention, or securing an audience, than a hint that the business was relating to the subject which lay so near his heart. His opinion of the Club and its mission was very great, and his zeal in carrying out its objects indefatigable. He took charge of it when its fortunes were at the lowest ebb, and with infinite care and judgment, steered it into the safe harbour of prosperity. Whatever position the Club now holds, was assured to it by his efforts, and the members' appreciation of his genial manners, his whole-hearted services, and the change of fortune these things brought them, was none too strongly expressed in the resolution unanimously passed at the meeting after his death—

"That we desire to record our lasting gratitude to the late Earl Spencer, for his long exertions in the service of the Smithfield Club, which were neither interrupted by the discharge of more arduous duties, nor damped by retirement from public life, or by the advance of years ; and also to express our affectionate veneration for his manly and noble character."

It was fortunate for the Club that a worthy successor to the great men who had gone before him was at hand. His Grace the Duke of Richmond, who as Vice-President had for many years been intimately connected with the affairs of the Club, was unanimously elected President. It was only a natural outcome of the genuine regard and respect which these many years of unceasing interest in their doings had drawn forth, that in 1850—the same year in which Her Majesty the Queen, and H.R.H. the Prince Consort again visited the Show—led the members to pass a resolution that, in order to show “their appreciation of his services and their feelings of respect, the Club desires that his Grace’s profile should appear on the reverse of the Club’s medals, and that His Grace be requested to sit to Mr. W. Wyon, R.A., of Her Majesty’s Mint, for the preparation of a die.”

In 1851 it was resolved that in future the cattle should be classified according to breeds, and consequently we find them so arranged for the Show in 1852. This is sometimes spoken of as a new departure, but it should be noticed that the classification was not new; but that the Club only reverted to the system of separate competition between each breed as had been established at its shows some fifty years before. The silver cup now offered for the best ox or steer, and the best cow or heifer shown in any of the separate classes, correspond exactly in principle with the extra prizes offered in 1807, and following year, and the champion plate, now given for the best beast in the show, carries out this principle still more completely.

The Show of 1854 saw the first visit, in company with their Royal Highnesses the Prince Consort and Prince Alfred, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the beginning of that interest which has since become such a popular feature in the history of the Club.

Its operations, however, had now become so greatly increased in every way, that the size of the Shows, and the number of visitors attending them made it imperative that once more steps should be taken to secure premises commensurate with its needs.

In 1858, on the motion of Mr. John Giblett, a committee was appointed “to inquire into the practicability of procuring a better and more commodious place for the Smithfield Club to hold its annual exhibitions.”

The Committee received many suggestions and offers, including one from the Crystal Palace Company at

Sydenham, but that which received most favour and which was recommended by the Committee was the suggestion of Mr. John Giblett, that a Company be formed to provide a suitable hall. They recommended that if this was done, and adequate terms offered to the Club, the Exhibition and Annual Show of the Club should be leased to them for a term not exceeding twenty-one years. This led to the issue of a preliminary prospectus of the proposed Agricultural Hall Company, with Mr. Jonas Webb as Chairman, and in the same year (1860) it was resolved that the scheme be carried out—the Company undertaking to erect a suitable building on a selected site in Islington, to make all suitable arrangements, and to pay the Club £1,000 per annum; the Club agreeing to lease their exhibition for a term not exceeding twenty-one years, commencing in 1862. The site chosen was that known as “Dixon’s Lairs,” Islington.

In the same year the President, the Duke of Richmond, died, and at the meeting of the Club it was resolved—

“That this meeting desires to record its deep regret at the irreparable loss the Club has sustained by the decease of its late President, His Grace the Duke of Richmond, K.G., who has, during a number of years, given the greatest attention to further its objects, and promote its prosperity.”

His Grace had taken charge of the Club’s affairs when its success was practically assured, but he had done much in maintaining and increasing its position. His name will always be associated with that of Earl Spencer, as one of the two men whose personality influenced the Club and swayed its counsels most during the second great period of its existence.

With the death of what may be termed the last permanent President, it was resolved that in future the holder of the office should be elected for the term of one year, and not be eligible for re-election for the term of three years. The Right Hon. Lord Berners, elected President for 1861, became the first of the Annual Presidents.

The remainder of the stay at Baker Street was taken up by the ordinary work of the Club and, preparations for the removal into larger quarters. Among other things, the prize sheets were re-arranged, fresh divisions and classes added, this latter, in the year the Show was held under its new conditions, being further increased by another £600.

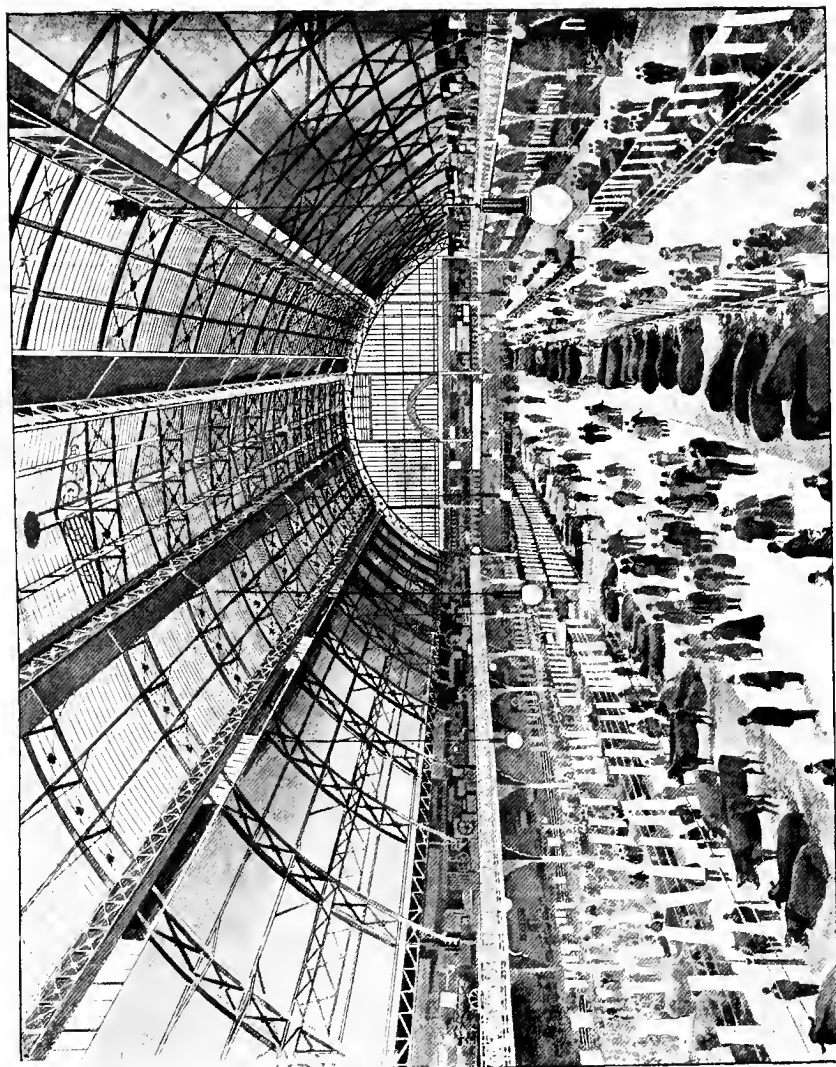
THIRD PERIOD—1862 TO PRESENT TIME.

The Agricultural papers of the day gave great prominence to eulogistic descriptions of the New Agricultural Hall at Islington, and the first Show of the Smithfield Club held therein. Some exhibitors even described it as an escape from Pandemonium and the shades of night, and yet the premises at Baker Street had been a great advance upon the preceding ones in which the Show had been held. But the sight of the arched glass roof, with a span of 125 feet covering, at a height of 75 feet, a hall of about 80,000 square feet, or nearly two acres in extent, with galleries 36 feet wide all round it, and a second hall 100 feet square, was calculated to evoke enthusiasm, and the *Mark Lane Express* of the day truly observed, "Whatever may come of it, however the public may take to the locality, there is no manner of question but that the Building Company has done its duty. Grand in its conception, ample in its proportions, and admirable in its arrangements, there are few places more perfectly adapted to its purpose than the Agricultural Hall."

Amid the general congratulations, however, it was a subject for regret that Mr. Jonas Webb had not lived to see the completion of the building in which he had taken so much interest, and many kindly references were made during the week to his memory and the great business qualities which had been so freely devoted to carrying out the erection of such a splendid building, and a fund was started to provide some memorial of him.

What one paper described as the "House-warming," was worthy of the new building. Not only the Heir to the Throne, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, but a striking assemblage of Royal personages visited the Show. These included H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Prussia, H.R.H. the Duke of Brabant (now King of the Belgians), and H.R.H. the Prince Louis of Hesse (the late Grand Duke of Hesse), also H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, H.R.H. the Duchess of Cambridge, and H.R.H. the Princess Mary of Cambridge (the late Duchess of Teck). On being conducted round the Show by Lord Feversham, the President for the year, the Stewards, and Hon. Secretary, His Royal Highness expressed himself as being pleased with the building and the arrangements.

The general public also attended in such crowds that its success was at once assured—upwards of 132,000 people visiting the Show.



SMITHFIELD CLUB SHOW, AT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL HALL, ISLINGTON.

Naturally the general arrangements were appreciated by the breeders of stock and other exhibitors, but the Show itself, though very large, was of unequal merit. There were some very fine animals, but the great majority were below the average, whilst many writers waxed humorous over the "improvements" needed in the new classes, and even questioned the utility of offering prizes for competition among breeds that were so poorly represented. The *Mark Lane Express*, of December 15th, says in concluding its notice, "So ends our review of the biggest, and as far as quality is concerned, the poorest Show of Cattle the Smithfield Club has collected together."

But all this is equivalent to saying that the Club had still much work to do, to improve by emulation, comparison, and better methods what could be improved, and eliminate what could not. The minutes of the subsequent years, which record so minutely the working of the Club, bear eloquent testimony to the infinite care and patience with which this was accomplished.

At the General Meeting of the Club held at the time H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was elected a member.

An important change in what may be termed the constitution of the Club was also proposed at this time, on the motion of Major-General the Hon. A. N. Hood—

- 1st. That the management of the Smithfield Club be vested in a Council, consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Hon. Secretary, and 24 members.*
- 2nd. That one-third of the 24 members shall go out annually by rotation, and not be re-eligible for one year.
- 3rd. That the Council shall prepare rules and regulations for the management of the Club, and shall submit them for consideration and adoption at a special general meeting of the Club in May, 1863.

The proposed Bye Laws, as drafted by the Honorary Secretary, were subsequently discussed and agreed to. They set forth the general rules by which the proceedings were to be guided: such as the rules of election, the privileges of members, the powers of the Council, the duties of the officers, summoning and regulation of meetings, alterations of rules, management of finances, preparation of prize-sheets. The main and fundamental rule of all being, that it is a principle of the constitution of the Club to exclude from its meetings and proceedings all questions of a political tendency.

*Stewards added 1865.

At the earlier shows of the Club much appears to have devolved upon the Stewards, because the whole of the arrangements in the yard had to be made on the spot, and during the arrival of the stock; for the entries were sent in with the animals, and, indeed, in the first instance the certificates of feeding, etc., were delivered direct to the judges. After the preparations for the annual exhibitions of the Club became more systematic, the Stewards were saved a considerable portion of this unnecessary labour; but they had still responsible duties to perform, especially in the appointment of the judges, which duty was entrusted to them from the year 1827 to 1863. Under this new constitution they were relieved to a great extent by the appointment of a Judges' Selection Committee, of which they were *ex-officio* members; but they have still, in their respective departments, to decide upon any doubtful cases of qualification, to supervise the weighing of the animals, to be in attendance during the arrival of the stock, as well as during the time the judges are making their awards, and generally to see that the rules of the Club are strictly adhered to.

In the same year, 1863, a special Divine Service was given for the first time by the Vicar of Islington for the men in charge of the live stock, and this has been continued ever since. Other items in the Club's history of the years following may be noted, as the effect of the cattle plague, prevalent in 1865, upon the Shows and working of the Club, the appointment in 1867 of Mr. H. H. Dixon, the author of "Saddle and Sirloin," to write the reports of the Shows, which were discontinued in 1870, and the election, in 1872, of Professor Brown (now Sir George T. Brown, C.B.), as Veterinary Inspector to the Club. The want of such an officer had been felt for some years, as animals frequently suffered from the effects of travelling, and occasionally from disease; also doubts had constantly arisen as to the ages of some of the pigs exhibited. These considerations led to the appointment of the Veterinary Inspector to examine the state of the dentition of pigs, and later, the dentition of cattle and sheep also, and to look to the animals generally. His assistance subsequently became still more requisite. Cases of foot-and-mouth disease had become frequent in animals that had been sent to other exhibitions, and the fearful visitation of the cattle plague, not only made it necessary for all animals to be examined before they could be admitted into the Show, but also that

there should be a veterinary staff in attendance during the whole period of the animals remaining in the Hall. The result of these precautions has been most satisfactory.

The extraordinary effects which a dense fog had on the animals during the show of 1873 is worth recording. The fog commenced on the evening of the Tuesday of the show, and by the next morning some of the cattle had died, others had to be slaughtered, and many had to be removed. A curious coincidence was, that the sheep and pigs did not suffer to any great extent, and this may possibly be accounted for by their having kept their heads comparatively covered in the straw, thus, as it were, filtrating the fog during respiration. The loss to the exhibitors of cattle was very considerable. The effect of the fog, however, was not confined to the fat cattle in the show, but animals in various parts of the metropolis were similarly affected.

In 1875, on the occasion of his 33rd election as Hon. Secretary of the Club, Mr. Brandreth Gibbs was the recipient of a vote of thanks for the valuable and efficient services he had rendered for so many years. A copy of the resolution embodying this was engrossed, and suitably prepared. This illuminated copy, with the signature of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as President for the year, was subsequently presented by the Prince. For many years the Hon. Secretary had had assistance, but Mr. David Pullen, the Assistant Secretary, died in 1880. A resolution expressive of its regret was passed by the Council, and the Hon. Secretary was requested to write a letter of condolence to the late Mr. Pullen's family. Mr. H. J. Hine was appointed in his stead, and the Club's letters were now addressed to 12, Hanover Square, W.

But in 1884 a message from Sir B. T. Brandreth Gibbs that he was prevented by indisposition from attending the Council Meeting, proved but the precursor of an intimation received with general regret, that owing to continued ill health, he was compelled to resign the Honorary Secretaryship.

The long period of time during which Sir Brandreth had held office, viz. 43 years—a prodigious slice out of the history of a century—speaks eloquently in itself of the services which he had rendered to the Club, and when we remember how many and varied were the efforts of the Club during those years, and the strong and leading part taken in them by Sir Brandreth, the sense of obligation is deepened.

The Chairman of the Council was asked to write to Sir

Brandreth an expression of their sense of the value of his services, and of their great regret at the cause of his resignation. At a later meeting in the same year, when his death was announced, it was unanimously resolved—

“ That the Council of the Smithfield Club at this, the first meeting held since the death of Sir Brandreth Gibbs, the Club's late Honorary Secretary, desire to express and place upon record their deep regret at the great loss the Club has sustained thereby. The Council gratefully acknowledge that the present position of the Club is, to a very large extent, the result of his untiring energy and attention to its interests through a period of time close upon half a century, and they fully recognize his devoted and invaluable services to the Club for so many years. The Council also desire to express their deep sympathy and condolence with Lady Gibbs and the family in their irreparable loss.”

Mr. H. J. Hine was appointed Secretary, and he continued to act as such until the year 1888, when the Club suffered another loss by his decease, at a comparatively early age. At the Council meeting following, a vote of condolence with his family was unanimously passed, and the present Secretary was appointed.

Now and again, in the minutes of the Club, it will be noticed how it takes cognizance, not only of what some think its actual and only object, but also of other things bearing upon it.

The question of the food supplies for animals must always be of importance in any problem in which scientific breeding and feeding is concerned. This was recognized in very early days. Specimens of roots and grain, used for feeding animals, were shewn in the loft at Goswell Street. There were then added some half-dozen chaff-cutters, and other machines for preparing food for cattle; afterwards a few other kinds were sent, and, when the show was removed to Baker Street, the facilities which the galleries offered for displaying machinery to advantage, induced a constant addition, from year to year, to the number of applicants for the privilege of showing. For some time it had been seen that the idea thus started was capable of a much greater development, and in 1867 the Club entered into arrangements with the Hall Company for an enlargement of the galleries, the building of a dining room in which to hold the Club's annual dinners, store-room for fodder, and the construction of a new building for the pigs, towards the cost of which the Club contributed £1,000.

In 1881 the Agricultural Hall Company proposed a

further enlargement of the Hall, in order to provide increased accommodation for implement exhibitors at the Club's Shows.

The Report of the Hall Committee embodying this proposal was adopted by the Council, and the enlargement became an actual fact in 1883—the year of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' second Presidency—the Club contributing the sum of £2,000 towards its cost. The leading manufacturers of the kingdom have, as was anticipated, taken such advantage of the extra facilities offered, that it is now possible for farmers and others coming up to the Annual Shows to see at the same time, what is perhaps the most perfect museum, for its compass, of agricultural implements, machinery, seeds, roots and feeding stuffs, to be found in the kingdom.

Besides the grant for this addition, a further sum of £200 was subsequently made towards the cost of widening the Galleries in the Main Hall.

In 1894, the Hall Company submitted plans of a new building adjoining the Great Hall, which it was proposed to erect, and which would accommodate the pigs and the overflow of sheep entries. The scheme was approved of, and the Council contributed £1,500 towards the necessary outlay. A further sum of £200 was contributed by the Club towards the provision of a room, for the use of the herdsmen and shepherds attending the Show.

This last great enlargement gave an opportunity of providing for the carrying out of a new scheme, relating to the carcasses of animals shown, which is interesting because it is really a return to the principle underlying some of the conditions of the Shows, in the first days of its existence.

At the earlier Shows of the Club the Judges had to select the two best animals in each class, and these had to remain for public exhibition. The Judges had then to inspect the killing of them, and were instructed to take an account of the weights, distinguishing the fore and hind quarters, tallow, hide, pelt, offal, blood, &c., and having ascertained these points, then to decide which animal was to be placed first, and which second, in each class.

The return of the dead weights could not continue to be given by the Judges, however, because the butchers objected to purchase the animals under the conditions laid down by the Club; therefore, in 1804, the exhibitors of prize animals were required to obtain this information from the butchers. The prizes were not paid to the successful competitors until

these returns were made, and, in some cases, they were finally withheld, in consequence of non-compliance with this rule. Another plan was tried in 1806, when Lord Somerville and Mr. J. King were appointed inspectors of dead weights, but this was eventually abandoned; and again, in 1837, the Honorary Secretary undertook to inspect the weighing; but such difficulties occurred, and the accounts furnished in later years by the butchers were so unsatisfactory, that in 1847 the collection of the dead weight returns was entirely abandoned. It was revived in 1871, but, although every means were taken to ensure accurate returns, these were found to be so unsatisfactory that the collection and publication of them were abandoned in 1876.

At a meeting of the Council, in February, 1886, the offer of prizes for carcases of meat was again suggested, and a committee appointed to consider and report. For various reasons, the chief of which was the want of a building suitable for the purpose, this question of a "block test" was found to be impracticable, and again in 1893, when the question was revived—the difficulties in the way of properly carrying out the scheme through want of space, and the impossibility of slaughtering the animals at the Hall, proved insuperable.

On the completion of the new Hall already referred to, it was resolved to institute special slaughter classes at the 1895 Show, viz. two classes for steers, and for long-woolled, and short-woolled wether sheep, four classes in all. The animals to be exhibited alive on the Monday, slaughtered the same night at the Metropolitan Cattle Market, and the carcases returned to the Hall on Wednesday morning for judging, exhibition, and sale. This new departure is well supported, and has proved an interesting feature of the Club's exhibition. For the centenary year, additional classes were added, the interest in this department of the Show being materially increased.

Here it may be stated that particulars relating to the different breeds, the judging and other regulations, prizes, etc., with many other matters which have ruled from time to time, have not been dwelt upon in this sketch, partly from a desire not to break its continuity, and partly because the information will be found in the minutes of the Club's proceedings, which have been brought up to date, an index to which is also given, and in the different tables and appendices which complete this volume. Reference, however, may be made to the fact that in the earlier

years the most coveted distinction was the Club's Gold Medal, which was given up to 1842 to the *breeder* of the best animal in any of the Classes, and after that date to the *feeder*, and it may also be noticed that up to the year 1845, oxen, steers, cows, and heifers, competed together, but afterwards two separate Gold Medals were offered, viz. one for oxen and steers, and another for cows and heifers. In 1869, however, the Club determined to offer a Champion Plate, value £100, for the best beast in the show, and this may now be considered the "blue ribbon" of the Annual Meeting. It would be difficult to describe adequately the keen interest which this contest draws forth, or the anxious solicitude with which the many hundreds present follow the movements of the judges, and await their decision. In the same year, 1869, it was also resolved to offer a Champion Plate, value £50, for the best pen of sheep in the yard.

The tables following this history supply the list of victors, but it may here be noticed, as the public have noticed with enthusiasm, that Her Majesty the Queen has more frequently than any other, won the Championship of the Show. She has taken it no less than four times. Her Majesty was not the first exhibitor or prize taker among Royal Personages. King George III. was an exhibitor in 1800, and the Duke of York gained a prize in 1806, while the success of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of York, as exhibitors, is well known. But no exhibitor's success has been more phenomenal or more popularly greeted than the Queen's. Even after Her Majesty insisted upon the rule that all animals shewn from the Royal herds must be bred there, the Queen's success has been most remarkable.

The very large amount given in prizes by the Club has often occasioned surprise, considering the number of members, but it should be noted that, in addition to members' subscriptions, the revenue of the Club is augmented by the sum received from the Hall Company, which has been increased since 1875 to what practically amounts to £1,355 annually, by fees from exhibitors of live stock, and chiefly by the fees paid for standing space by the exhibitors of implements.

It might also be stated as a smaller matter, that with a view to stimulating the interest of the servant in the success of his master, it was decided, in 1864, to give a framed

diploma and a gratuity of £1 to the man who fed and attended each first prize animal or pen of animals. This is a revival of the system in practice in 1800, when a guinea was presented to the servant of each successful competitor.

Naturally the year which saw the centenary of the Club caused a special interest to attach to the Show of 1898. In 1897 Sir Walter Gilbey was able to announce that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had accepted the Presidency of the Club for the centenary year. Alterations and great additions were made to the Prize List, the amount of which was the largest ever offered, and a special centenary medal bearing the profile of His Royal Highness the President, was ordered to be struck for the occasion. It was resolved that silver medals with suitable inscriptions be awarded to the exhibitors and breeders of each prize animal, or pen of animals, and a silver medal to the exhibitor, and a gold medal to the breeder of each breed cup winner.

In another direction also the attractions of the prize list were increased. In 1894 Her Majesty the Queen honoured the Club by the presentation of a magnificent Challenge Cup, value £150, for the best beast in the Show, bred by the exhibitor, the Cup to be held for one year—the Club's gold medal being also awarded to the annual winner—but to be won two years in succession, or three years at intervals, before becoming the actual property of the winner. For the Show of 1898 H.R.H. the Prince of Wales graciously offered a Challenge Cup of the value of £100, for the best pen of sheep or lambs in the Show, and H.R.H. the Duke of York another Challenge Cup, of the value of £50, for the best pen of pigs, to be awarded upon similar conditions to those governing the award of Her Majesty's Challenge Cup. So that the Club possessed for its Centenary Show, three Challenge Cups, presented respectively, by three generations of the Royal Family.*

*We subjoin technical descriptions of these beautiful cups:—

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S CUP.—A tall, chased cup and cover with boss ornament, bull's head handles, finely chased bas relief of fighting bulls on one side, ornamental shield on reverse, surmounted by model of Devon bull.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S CUP.—A richly chased ewer in Italian style, with subject from Orlando Furioso, "Rogers delivers Angelico from the sea monster," on one side, and Royal Arms on reverse.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF YORK'S CUP.—A small, part fluted pilgrim's bottle, with ornamental chains.



CHALLENGE CUP.
(Presented by H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, & Co.)

CHALLENGE CUP.
(Presented by Her Majesty the Queen.)

CHALLENGE CUP
(Presented by H.R.H., the Duke of York, K.G.)

The Show which assembled under such conditions in the Royal Agriculturall Hall (permission to use the title having been announced at the Show of 1884), was acknowledged to be one of general excellence throughout, and, in many respects, one of the finest the Club had yet brought together. The total number of entries exceeded those of any previous Show, the increase being accounted for by the large number of entries in the sections for Pigs, and for the carcase competitions.

In the Cattle section, a very striking feature was the magnificent collection of Highland Cattle, which added much to the picturesque appearance of the Show; but all the chief breeds were well represented, particularly the Cross-breeds, which were exceptionally strong in number and quality. Long-woolled Sheep were very good, though not numerous, but the whole section of short-woolled sheep was not only unusually good, but strong in numbers; Southdowns, Hampshires, and Cross-breeds particularly so. Pigs also were better and more numerous than at any previous Show.

When we add to the above that the exhibits in the sections of agricultural implements, machinery, and seeds and roots have never been surpassed, and that the popular interest in the exhibition was evidenced not only by the large attendance of Londoners, but also by crowds of characteristic visitors from all parts of the country—"the broadest Scotch," as a writer in the Press remarked, "being mixed up with the burr of Northumberland, the drawling accents of East Anglia, and the clipped vowels of the West"—we have indicated briefly the leading features of a Show which will undoubtedly be regarded as a landmark in the future annals of the Club.

The Annual Meeting, which was held after the Council Meeting on the 6th of December, was remarkable for the large number of members of the Club who attended, and also for the reception accorded to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, who presided. His Royal Highness had not only honoured the Club by becoming its President for the Centenary year, and increasing its attractions by the presentation of the magnificent Challenge Cup which bears his name, but had throughout shown the most marked interest and taken part in all the preparations for the Show, his presence at which had contributed in a great measure to its success. This eventful occasion was recognized as

a suitable one on which to give some expression to the deep gratitude felt by all for His Royal Highness's efforts, and also for the generous and consistent support the Club had received from the members of the Royal Family.

The resolution embodying this appreciation, which was proposed by Lord Tredegar, seconded by the Earl of Feversham, and carried by acclamation, drew forth a sympathetic reply from His Royal Highness, which was received with the utmost enthusiasm.

His ROYAL HIGHNESS said: I beg to tender to you all, and especially to Lords Tredegar and Feversham, my acknowledgments for the very kind manner in which they have brought forward their vote of thanks, and for the cordial and hearty support you have given it. I have known this Smithfield Club for many years—not quite one hundred. I remember, as a boy, coming here with my father for many years before I became an agriculturist myself. I had the honour of being twice President for the year of the Show and of the Club, and I was very much pleased and flattered that I was asked on the occasion of the Centenary of the Club to accept the Presidency. The occasion has been a most interesting one to me. The Club has now prospered so long that I feel its success is completely assured, and that it will always continue to flourish is my most ardent wish. I shall always continue to take the greatest interest, as I have ever done, in everything that concerns agriculture.

During the proceedings a cablegram was received from the Guelph Canada Fat Stock Club, sending congratulations on the Centenary Anniversary, and a suitable reply was forwarded in return.

Nothing could better illustrate the enormous increase in the Club's operations, and the striking advancement which has been made in the breeding of stock in this country, than to place the Show of 1799, with its four classes, 50 guineas amount in prizes, and 113 members, in contrast with the 94 classes and £4,965 11s. od. in prizes which made up the prize list for the Centenary year 1898, and its 1,120 members. Breeds were represented which were not in existence a century ago, while in everything that goes to make up the essential elements of a great Show, the difference was immeasurable.

But no comparison, however slight, would be complete which did not take into account the altered conditions of travelling. It is hard to realise at this time what a difference railway travelling has made in the character of the stock exhibited. Whereas in the earlier days the competition was practically confined to the home counties, through the difficulties and expense of transit, since the railway system has become developed the whole country has gradually been brought to take part in the proceedings of the Show, so much so, that the competition now almost resolves itself into a keen contest between the breeders of the three Kingdoms. The comfort also in which animals now travel compared with that which ruled in the earlier days, is no unimportant factor in the success of later Shows. Exhibitors of the present day would hardly like to experience the difficulties and hardships of transit encountered by their forefathers. We read of a Devon ox *being driven* 126 miles to the Show in 1805, and as late as 1840 animals were exhibited which had to be conveyed miles by road and canal, as well as by rail, and even 500 miles by sea. At the present time the splendid facilities afforded by the Railway Companies, by means of special vehicles travelling by fast passenger trains, enable animals to be brought the longest distances—from the North of Scotland—with the minimum of discomfort and loss.

With the Centenary Show the first great stage of the Club's existence may be said to have ended. The commencement of a new century of its existence appeared to the Council to be a fitting opportunity for making a change in its constitution, the old organization, originally constituted on the basis of a social club, not being in keeping with the national character of the Society. The following proposal was accordingly made at the May Council Meeting, 1899, on the motion of Mr. C. W. Tindall :—

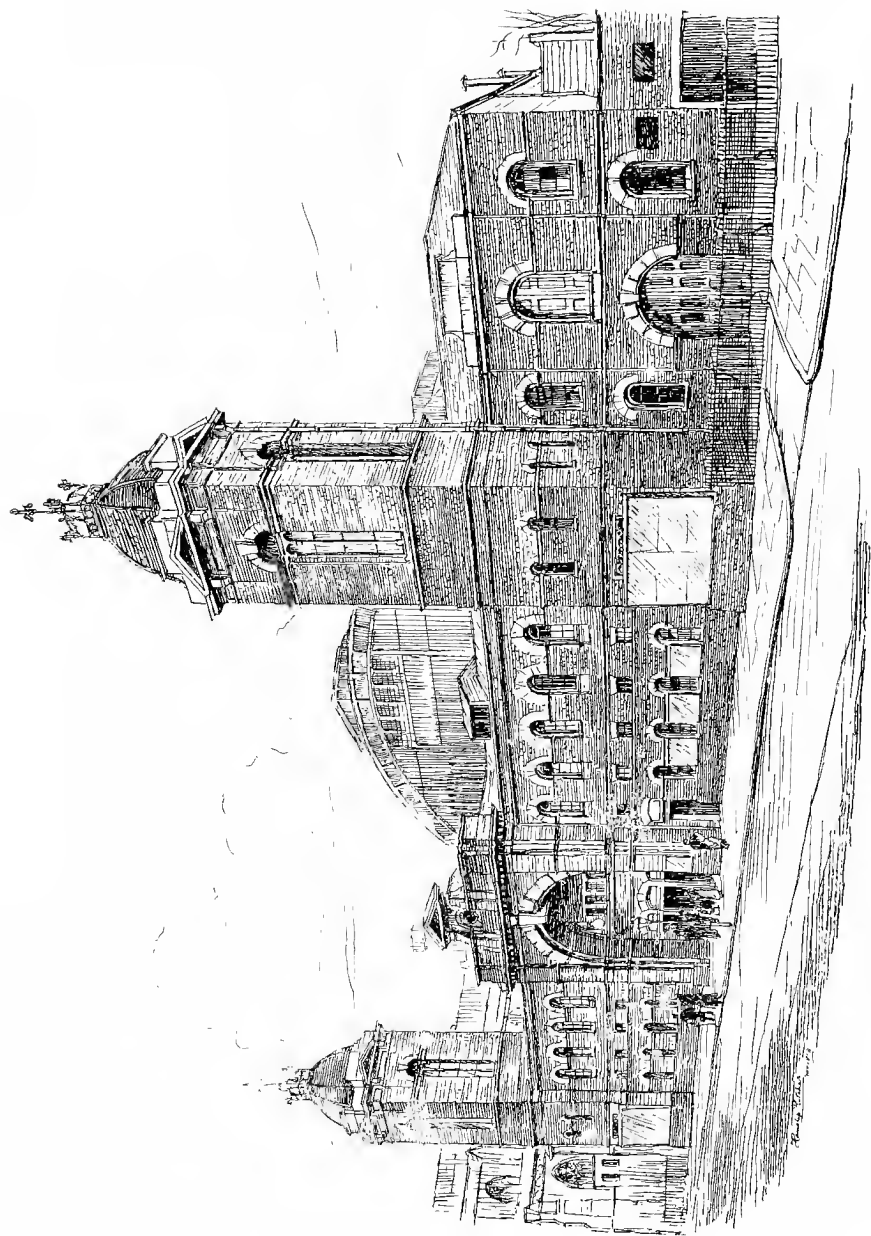
“ That in view of the Smithfield Club having now entered upon the Second Centenary of its existence, it appears desirable that a Special Committee should be appointed to inquire into the whole subject of its present constitution and administration, and report to the Council whether any, and if so what, changes would in their opinion conduce to its extended usefulness in the future.”

At the meeting in July the Special Committee appointed in accordance with this motion recommended that the Club be incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1898, as a company not formed for profit, and the whole question was brought forward at the annual general meeting of members in December. The meeting, which was a record one, was opened in the Club Room at the Royal Agricultural Hall, but owing to the large number of members present—nearly five hundred—was adjourned to the Lecture Hall, Barford Street. The following resolution was proposed:—

“That the Council of this Club be instructed to procure the registration of an association to be called the Smithfield Club Incorporated, and to be governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, drafts of which have already been prepared and passed by the Council, and provisionally approved by the Board of Trade; that in accordance with such Memorandum and Articles of Association, the objects of this Club be henceforward carried out by the Smithfield Club Incorporated; that the President, Vice-Presidents, members of Council, and other officers of this Club, be the President, Vice-Presidents, and ordinary members of Council of the Smithfield Club Incorporated; that the further persons named in the Draft and Articles of Association of the Smithfield Club Incorporated be also Vice-Presidents and ordinary members of Council, respectively, of the Smithfield Club Incorporated; that all the Assets and undertakings of this Club be transferred to the Smithfield Club Incorporated, on the terms that the Smithfield Club Incorporated shall undertake to discharge all the obligations and liabilities of this Club; that the whole of the Rules of this Club be superseded by the Memorandum and Articles of Association above mentioned; that this Club be thereupon dissolved; and that the Council of this Club be hereby empowered to do all things necessary for carrying out this resolution.”

A lengthy debate ensued on rule twenty-nine of the Articles of Association, which required that each member should vote for the eleven candidates to be annually elected on the Council, and the rule was ultimately amended to allow members to vote for one or more of the candidates. The resolution providing for the Incorporation of the Club and adopting the Articles of Association and Bye-Laws as amended, was adopted.

On the 5th day of March following, the preliminaries having been completed, the Club was duly registered under the Companies Acts as the Smithfield Club (Incorporated).



VIEW OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL HALL, ISLINGTON (FROM LIVERPOOL ROAD).

It has often been noticed that institutions which in other countries are originated and thrive only under the fostering care of the State, are here initiated and nurtured by private effort and enterprise. The history of the Smithfield Club is an illustration of this fact.

What may be termed its democratic character accounts for a certain measure of the popularity it has attained. But the main cause of its long-continued progress and prosperity is without doubt the strong conviction that the aim of the Club, in seeking by all possible means to improve the stock of the country, is a national one, and one that has not lost its importance because at the present time our agricultural conditions have changed. It is this conviction which has not only gained for the Club the strong adherence of some of our most noted agriculturists in the past, but continues to draw to itself the support of the Royal Family, the nobility, and others interested in the objects for which it exists.

The relations of the Royal Agricultural Society in its early days to the Smithfield Club has already been alluded to, but that is not the only Society which owes its existence directly or indirectly to the influence or example of the Club. Apart, however, from any particular case, if imitations of its aims or its methods be considered a proof of parentage, then its progeny is a large one.

But meanwhile the Smithfield Club has kept its own place. Instead of detracting from its influence or prospects, these offshoots have only in the main emphasized its position as The National Fat Stock Show of Great Britain, and the final arbiter in the competitions of the many great societies which have sprung into existence throughout the kingdom; and after a century of full and useful work, its entry on another stage of its existence as an Incorporated Society finds it, like the nation of which it is a typical institution, strong in the consciousness of its strength and power to carry out its own mission, and rejoicing in the number and importance of its vigorous offshoots.

E. J. P.

December, 1900.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES,

FROM 1798 TO 1900.

At a meeting of agriculturalists, held December 17th, 1798 (being 1798
Smithfield great market day), "The Smithfield Cattle and Sheep
Society" was founded by mutual consent. Present, Francis, Duke of
Bedford, in the chair, Mr. J. Wilkes, of Measham, the original proposer,
and 27 others, including Lord Somerville, John Bennet, the Earl of
Winchelsea, John Westcar, Richard Astley, John Ellman, Arthur
Young, etc. Subscription, 10s. 6d. each.

Eight other names were added later in the day, including Sir
Joseph Banks.

A Committee was appointed, who decided to offer premiums for the
best beast above a stated weight, and fed on grass, hay, turnips, or
cabbages; also for the best beast fed on corn or oil cake; for the best
sheep fed on hay, grass, turnips, or cabbages; and for the best
sheep fed on corn or cake.

Arthur Young, Esq., was requested to receive subscriptions.

The first Committee, formed on December 17th, consisted of the
Duke of Bedford, Earl Winchelsea, Lord Somerville, and nine others.

And at their first meeting Sir Joseph Banks, Bart., and ten others
were nominated in addition.

The first show was held at Wootton's Livery Stables (the Dolphin 1799
Yard), Smithfield. The three days' admission money to this show
amounted to £40 3s.

The first dinner of the subscribers took place at the Crown and
Anchor Tavern, on the Friday previous to the Christmas market.

The following account is given of some of the animals:—

"The largest sheep were of the true old Gloucester breed, bred by
Mr. Haines and grazed by Mr. Poulton—6 feet 5½ inches girth, 27
inches across the back, 22 inches over the shoulders, and only 26
inches high," considered to be the first sheep that ever stood on
Smithfield stones.

A Hereford bullock, fed by Mr. Grace, of Buckinghamshire, 7 feet
high, weighed upwards of 260 stone, and measured in girth 12 feet
4 inches.

Mr. Westcar's first prize bullock, which sold for 100 guineas, was
8 feet 11 inches long, 6 feet 7 inches high, and 10 feet 4 inches girth;
weighed nearly 300 stone.

Among the winners were Mr. Westcar, the Duke of Bedford, Mr. Edmonds, and Mr. John Ellman ; the latter "for the best ox fattened with grass and hay only in the shortest time from the yoke."

A committee of management, consisting of fifteen members was appointed.

June 17th, at the adjourned meeting of the Committee, at the Duke of Bedford's Sheep Shearing at Woburn—

Resolved, that premiums be 15 guineas for best beast fattened on oilcake and corn.

15 guineas for best on grass, hay and turnips, etc., but no cake or corn.

10 " " " Wether Sheep on cake or corn.

10 " " " " " on grass, hay, turnips, etc., but no cake or corn.

No premium for beast less than 24 score.

Only animals selected by the Judges for prizes remained to be exhibited to the public.

Resolved, that a guinea be given to the servants of each person who show cattle.

No exhibitor entitled to two prizes in same class.

1800 The pieces of plate offered this year as prizes were divided between vegetable-fed and cake and corn-fed cattle, under 100 stone, and above 80 stone, also above 150 stone, and varied in value from 20 down to 10 guineas. The pieces of plate offered as prizes for sheep were for wethers, fed the same as the cattle, and were of the value of 12 and 8 guineas respectively.

The Judges had to select the two best animals from each class to remain for public exhibition.

The owners of prize animals were expected to agree with the butchers, that the "*Judges have full power to inspect the killing*, for the purpose of ascertaining the weight of each animal, distinguishing the fore and hind quarters, the tallow, hide, pelt or offal, including blood, etc., or by some other satisfactory mode to ascertain the comparative live and dead weights ; " and, having ascertained such points, the Judges were then to decide which was to be placed the first, and which the second best in each class, and to report accordingly.

The exhibitors were requested also to furnish an account of the "breed, age, *time of fattening*, sort of food, and the time the animals had eaten cake or corn," etc.

Early maturity in sheep was to be particularly considered.

The butchers having objected to the condition respecting the weights, and having declared that they would not buy the animals under such an engagement, it was resolved that this be not insisted on, but that the proprietors and purchasers be requested to furnish such information to the Judges as may enable them and the public to decide as accurately as possible on the respective points of the prize beasts and sheep.

The Judges were appointed by a Committee, and were to consist of three graziers and two butchers ; and the instructions to the Judges were to "look to quality of meat, proportion of valuable meat, proportion of meat to offal, and time of feeding ; also to the early maturity in the sheep, and not to consider certificates satisfactory unless explicit as to the mode of feeding for some time back."

The proprietors of the yard received the money for the admission of the public, and paid the society 60 guineas. The proprietors had also to furnish hay, straw, &c.

Among the sheep shown were two horned, five years old, which had been two years fattening, 22 months of the time on cake and corn.

The cattle prizes were won by Herefords, Sussex, and Long-horns.

The Judges suggested "that the prizes for cake and corn-fed sheep be discontinued, and the money offered for two distinct breeds of sheep, viz. for clothing and carding-woolled sheep; also that no sheep should be shorn before showing."

At the meeting of the Committee, Dec. 13th, 1800, the Duke of Bedford first made the proposition of a new constitution of the society, and "that it be formed into a *permanent club*, to consist of 50 members, viz., the present Committee, together with Mr. Wilkes, of Measham, the original proposer of the society, and 34 to be elected by ballot. Annual subscription, one guinea."

A guinea was paid this year to each successful candidate's servant (nine in number).

Distinct prizes were proposed for oxen, and for cows and heifers.

It was considered "that if the cattle shown had not worked, then early ripeness was a merit equally as in sheep."

Two oxen were exhibited this year (1800) by His Majesty King George III.

Certificates of the animals produced by the owners to the Judges, and examined by them.

December 13th, resolved that no premium be given that shall not have a condition annexed requiring dead weight of offal and quarters, so as to ascertain the real and specific merits of the cattle and sheep rewarded.

"That the service of the Institution be to prove what breeds of cattle give most food for man from given quantities of food for animals."

The prizes offered this year varied in amount from 30 guineas down to 10. There was a separate class for cows and heifers, and for long or combing-woolled and for short or carding-woolled sheep; also for the best fat pig, not more than 6 months old. 1801

Exhibitors were required to state particularly the *condition of the flesh* of the animals *at the time* of putting to fatten.

March 30th, 1801. The following were elected officers:—

President The Duke of Bedford.

Secretary Arthur Young, Esq.

Stewards of the Show, Mr. Bennet and Mr. Ellman.

It was determined to have five Judges for the entire show, and that each member of the Club might suggest in writing the names of such persons as he thought qualified to be Judges.

A selection was made by the Committee, and the President and Stewards ultimately appointed the Judges.

Doubts were expressed relative to the ages of some of the pigs exhibited this year, and it was stated it was a difficulty to get at breed, the animals being so much crossed.

It was recommended that in future, the state of the flesh of the animals when put up to fatten be attested in the certificates by two respectable persons.

The number of members of the Club was now extended to 65.

1802 It was required that beasts shall have had no cake, except in the year 1802, and that the whole of the food consumed from Oct. 1st to Nov. 30th be certified.

Heifers were excluded from competing. Only cows that had had three calves and had calved either in 1801 or 1802 were qualified. The time when dried of milk was to be certified.

Separate prizes were offered for two-year-old and shearling sheep.

Resolved, that for 1803, the prize be for the best fat pig, and the most satisfactory register of its food. The pig to be weighed at six months old, and both the sort and quantity of food registered till the age of nine months, and so on, each three months.

The title of SMITHFIELD CATTLE AND SHEEP CLUB first occurs in the minutes December 8th, 1802, and from that time it is styled the SMITHFIELD CLUB.

Francis, Duke of Bedford, the President, died.

John, Duke of Bedford, was elected President, Dec. 8th, 1802.

The number of members of the Club was extended to 100.

Placards were placed over each animal, stating breed, age, etc. A guinea was paid this year to the exhibitors' servants in charge of first prize animals.

Resolved, that premiums offered be printed in handbills, twelve sent to each member for posting up in market towns in their neighbourhoods.

That no premium be adjudged in any class if the stock exhibited have not merit in the opinion of the Judges.

1803 Resolved, that it be a condition of the prizes to be offered next year (1804), that no beast shall have been put to fatten previous to the 1st of January.

Several animals were disqualified, in consequence of the certificates not giving the requisite details as to mode of feeding.

That only one pen of sheep be allowed in a class, or two beasts in any one class, by any candidate.

That no stock be admitted without certificates delivered with them, sealed up and directed to the Judges.

That one guinea be paid to the servants of 1st prize animals.

1804 Several prizes were withheld, in consequence of no returns of dead-weights having been sent in. The prizes were not paid until the returns of dead-weight were produced.

It was resolved to appoint a person in future to attend at the killing and weighing of prize stock, who shall report the results to the Club. Mr. King, Junr., appointed.

The President, in his speech at the dinner, regretted the *want of competition in bringing yearling sheep* to maturity.

The number of members was increased to 120.

The Show was held in the Swan Yard.

Class added with view to encourage the system of fattening on grass and hay.

Resolved, that the number of members of the Club be unlimited. 1805
Election to be by ballot, and one-third present to exclude.

A Devon ox was driven 126 miles to the show.

The show was held at Dixon's Repository, Barbican.

Arthur Young, Esq., resigned the secretaryship, not being able to 1806
attend at the time the meetings were held.

The offices of Treasurer and Secretary were made distinct.

Mr. John Frarey was appointed Secretary, with a salary, and "liberty of publishing the proceedings and papers of the Club for his own benefit, as Mr. Arthur Young had heretofore done."

Mr. Paul Giblett was appointed treasurer.

The show was held this year in Sadler's Yard, Goswell Street.

H.R.H. the Duke of York gained a prize for a pig.

Lord William Russell was elected Chairman during the Duke of Bedford's absence abroad.

Lord Somerville and Mr. H. King, Junr., were appointed inspectors, to attend the weighing of prize animals.

It was determined to offer for next year (1807) seven prizes for fat oxen or steers, of the weight of 120 stone and upwards, viz.:—

Class I.	Herefords	20 guineas.
Class II.	Long-horns	" "
Class III.	Short-horns	" "
Class IV.	Sussex or Kent	" "
Class V.	Devons	" "
Class VI.	Mixed Breeds	" "

Also an additional prize for the *best ox or steer in the above classes*, £10.

The following conditions were added:—"The animals exhibited for the above premiums must have worked at least two years ending the 1st of Jan., 1807, and must not have been put to fatten previous to that day. No cake must have been given previously to the 5th of April, and the whole of the food consumed from the 1st of October to the 30th of November must be certified. The time of putting to feed, and the state of the flesh, must be certified, under the attestation of two respectable witnesses."

There were no exhibitors for the Long-horned, Short-horned, and 1807
Sussex prizes.

The prize in the class for Devons was not adjudged, for want of sufficient merit.

There were no exhibitors for the cow prize.

Resolved, that in future there be three Judges instead of five.

That the Secretary's salary be 30 guineas.

The Club's dinner was held in the Freemasons' Hall.

The Proprietor of Sadler's Yard, Goswell Street, paid the Club only 1808
£50, he finding provender as usual.

The Club also entered into the same agreement with Mr. Sadler for holding Lord Somerville's show.

Again this year there was no exhibitor for the Long-horned prize.

The only competitor for the Short-horned prize was disqualified.

There was no exhibitor in mixed breeds.

The Duke of Bedford very liberally paid upwards of £68, charged for three years' use of rooms, &c., at Freemason's Tavern, for meetings, &c.

Resolved, that no person who has gained a prize in either of the first five classes, be entitled to show a beast in the same class next year.

- 1809 For the Short-horned and Sussex prizes there were no exhibitors.
The Judges were not to be informed of the names of the owners of the animals, but were to adjudicate by numbers placed over each.
Resolved, that from next year (1810) a prize be offered for pure Merino sheep.
Resolved, that in future it be the duty of the Stewards to open and examine certificates.
- 1810 That the conditions respecting Long-horned and Short-horned oxen having been worked be dispensed with.
It was decided that in 1811 Hereford, Sussex or Kent, and Devon oxen or steers, be shown in pairs or yokes, of the same age, and one person's breed. The premiums to be equally divided between the breeder and grazier.
A portable weighing machine for cattle was hired from Mr. Shepherd, of Woburn.
Resolved that every member shall be considered as belonging to the Club until he shall have given notice to the Secretary of his intention of his withdrawing his name, and shall pay the subscription for the year in which that notice is given.
Prizes offered amounted to 220 guineas.
- 1811 There were no exhibitors for the prizes for yokes or pairs of oxen in the Hereford or Devon classes.
The arrears of subscription amounted to 468 guineas.
- 1812 Members were required to subscribe the "signature book," engaging to pay subscriptions.
Some curious descriptions of the colours, &c., of animals occurred :—
A Hereford with a red ring round his eye.
A red frosty-faced Sussex.
A red and white Devon.
A smooth-coated Hereford.
- 1813 The Duke of Bedford resigned the office of President when about to proceed to the Continent.
The Marquis of Tavistock was requested to accept the office, but declined.
A Committee of Management was elected, consisting of the Stewards and 13 members.
Thomas Coke, Esq., was requested to become President, but declined.
Resolved, that in future the prizes be in plate instead of money.

That certificates be sent to Secretary's house.
 The number of show days was reduced from three to two.
 The subscriptions and arrears due to the Club amounted to £1086 15s.
 The number of members was 272.

The Duke of Bedford offered 100 *guineas annually* for additional prizes. His Grace afterwards increased this sum to 125 guineas, in order that a five-guinea gold medal might be given to the breeders of the animals in each of the five classes proposed. These were subsequently styled the "BEDFORDIAN" plate and medals. 1814

The Duke of Bedford was requested to continue President.
 Lord Somerville,
 Sir John S. Sebright, Bart.
 C. Callis Western, Esq., M.P. } were elected Vice-Presidents.
 (afterwards Lord Western.)
 Thomas Mellish, Esq.

Mr. Thomas, of Bond Street, was consulted respecting a die with the profile of the Duke of Bedford, for the "Bedfordian" medals; and subsequently a die was engraved by Mr. Joseph Porter, of Fleet Street, from the original model for a bust by Mr. Nollekens.

Mr. Thomas undertook to have suitable articles of plate on view, for the successful candidates to choose from.

It was ordered that the certificates be delivered to the Secretary eight days before the show.

The Duke of Bedford was again elected President. 1815
 Mr. Paul Giblett resigned office of Treasurer.
 Mr. Farey was elected Treasurer as well as Secretary, with 40 guineas salary.
 The rule requiring the dead-weights of animals was rescinded.
 Resolved, that no animal once shown be exhibited again except as Extra Stock.

Arthur Young, Esq., resigned being a member of the Club. 1816
 The finances were in so bad a state that the President proposed that the Club should not offer any prizes next year.

The classification of cattle according to breed was discontinued. 1817
 No prizes were offered this year (1817) out of the Club's funds, only the "Bedfordian" plate and medals, value 125 guineas.
 Nevertheless the Judges reported favourably of the show.
 The Duke of Bedford suggested, "whether the ends for which the Club was associated were not now sufficiently answered;" but in case the Club should judge otherwise, he expressed his readiness to continue the "Bedfordian" premiums.

Sir John Sinclair having expressed his anxious hope that the Club should continue its useful exertions in this time of agricultural depression, it was resolved—

"That it is the opinion of this meeting that great advantages have accrued to the landed interest and the community in

general, from the exertions of this Club, which have tended materially to increase the supply of animal food of superior quality, to meet our greatly increased population and consumption."

"That the late exhibitions, and the present one in particular, show that the improvements in live stock are yet *in successful progress*, as to the essential points of disposition to fatten, early maturity, and consequent cheapness of production, and that *further and greater* benefits may be rendered to the community by the continuance of these exertions; under these impressions, it is the decided opinion of this meeting that the Club should continue, and receive the utmost support from its members."

1818 The prizes offered out of the Club's funds amounted to £50, without classification as to breed of cattle, but with conditions as to weight only. The "Bedfordian" premiums were also offered as before.

Resolved, that one Steward retire each year.

That the Judges be taken in rotation from the list of names which shall be determined on at the meetings of the Club.

That in future there be three Judges of cattle and three of sheep and pigs, to be chosen from the following lists, viz. :—

1st. Experienced breeders and graziers of cattle.

2nd. " " " " of Long-wools.

3rd. " " " " of Short-wools.

4th. " butchers in or near London.

That the Stewards supply, as heretofore, any vacancy that may occur by non-attendance.

That members at the meetings during the Show be requested to nominate several persons whom they think fit and proper for Judges, and who would be likely to act.

1819 That no exhibitor be allowed next year to gain a prize in the same class in which he has gained one this year, nor in future to win in the same class any two consecutive years.

That the sheep be shorn before the Judges award the prizes.

A class for cows was re-instituted, the same as in the year 1815.

The Secretary reported the death of Lord Somerville, a Vice-President of the Club, and one of its original members.

Prizes offered out of the Club's funds amounted to 85 guineas.

N.B.—From the Prize Sheet for 1819, it appears that an exhibitor was allowed to enter two beasts in the same class, but where two prizes were offered, he was only allowed to gain one.

1820 Mr. Sadler was allowed to charge non-members for the standing room for implements.

Sir Joseph Banks, one of the original members and promoters, died.

That new members be admitted by show of hands, and the secret ballot box done away with; that one-third negatives shall exclude, as settled 18th June, 1805.

Dec. 6th, 1821. A letter was received from the Duke of Bedford, 1821 stating his determination to withdraw from the Club, and to discontinue the "Bedfordian" prizes; and expressing his opinion that:—

"The advantages which, on the first formation of the institution, we held out to the public have been amply realized, and that any further incentive to improve the breeds of cattle, sheep, and swine is become wholly useless."

"The only object was to increase the animal production of the kingdom, and this object has been fully attained. The markets of the metropolis and throughout the kingdom are abundantly supplied; the best and most profitable breeds of cattle and sheep have been brought into notice, and have made rapid and extraordinary progress in the estimation of the breeder and grazier."

It was, however, unanimously resolved by the meeting of the members, after considerable deliberation, "that the Club ought to continue and receive the utmost support from its members."

Sir John Sebright, Bart., was requested to become President, but declined.

Resolved, that in future an exhibitor be entitled to win in the same class two consecutive years, provided he be both breeder and feeder.

Lord Strathaven, a Vice-President, died.

The Judges declared this to be one of the best shows they ever 1822 witnessed.

The Club was without a President.

The Duchess of Rutland became a member.

Resolved, that in future the prizes be in cash or plate, the same as 1823 previous to 1814.

That in future the restrictions as to an exhibitor not winning in the same class two consecutive years, unless he be both breeder and feeder, be abolished.

That in future there be two classes for cows—viz. one for fattened 1824 dairy cows, which have calved at their full time twice at least, and have given fair proportions of milk. The other class for cows or heifers (not spayed) which may not be eligible for the above class.

N.B.—From the Prize Sheet for 1824, it appears that exhibitors sending two beasts of the same class had to select which of the two should compete for the prize.

Viscount Althorp (afterwards Earl Spencer), was elected the 1825 President of the Club.

There was a sweepstake between three Herefords, belonging to the Duke of Bedford, and three Durhams, belonging to the Rt. Hon. Charles Arbuthnot; won by the Herefords.

Resolved, that "no motion, having for its object either the dissolution of the Club, or materially altering its constitution," should be taken into consideration until a copy had been sent to each member,

with a statement of the position of the Club's funds, etc., and a second meeting being appointed, at least 21 days from the first, for discussing and deciding upon it.

It was ordered to be mentioned in the Prize Sheet, that "next year the prizes will be distributed to the successful candidates at the annual dinner."

- 1826 Mr. John Farey died, having been Secretary 20 years.
Resolved, "that no officer receiving pay from the Club shall be made a member of the Club."
Mr. William Farey was appointed Secretary.
Resolved, that in future the ears of one-year-old sheep be marked to prevent their being shown again.
That in future no animals be shown without the exhibitors certifying that they have had them in their possession six months at least.
Resolved, that the butchers' returns of the dead-weights be again required.
- 1827 Resolved, that there be three Stewards.
That there be three Judges for the whole show.
That each Steward be expected to procure a breeder of cattle or sheep, or a grazier, who will be willing to act as a Judge of the Show.
- 1828 That the prizes be in pounds instead of guineas.
That in future the officers of the Club shall not be allowed to answer in their official capacity any inquiries respecting the proceedings of the Club, except such as are entered and written in the minute book.
That the Judges be paid their travelling expenses (fixed at £5 in 1829).
The President proposed sweepstakes for oxen and steers, and cows and heifers ; to be decided by the Club's Judges next year.
- 1829 Two of the above sweepstakes were won by Lord Althorp.
Resolved, that silver medals be given to the breeders of first prize animals in classes 1, 2 and 3 this year, and for the future to the breeders of first prize animals in each class.
Mr. Kitelee placed at the disposal of the Club the £10 prize awarded to him, to be offered in a gold medal, for the best beast that may be exhibited in any of the classes at the Club's next show.
Resolved, that silver medals be given in future in Extra Stock for the best beast, the best Long-woolled sheep, the best Short-woolled sheep, and the best pig.
- 1830 That in future a gold medal (£5) be given to the breeder of the best beast in any of the classes, and also a gold medal to the breeder of the best pen of sheep in any of the classes.
The officers and leading members of the Club decided to raise subscriptions of a guinea each, in order to present a piece of plate to Viscount Althorp, the President, in testimony of his valuable services in raising the Club to its present eminence.

An extra gold medal (£5) was voted for the second best animal in class 1, there being no second prize offered. 1831

A gold medal (£10) was offered for any ox not gaining the prize in class 1, but which shall, in the opinion of the Judges, possess extraordinary merit.

Resolved, that the Stewards in future audit the Club's accounts, and if possible previous to the Friday's meeting.

That there be separate gold medals in future for Long-woolled and Short-woolled sheep.

Sir John Sebright, Bart., offered to give a gold medal in 1832 for the best pen of three two-year-old Southdowns.

At the dinner, a candelabrum, value 200 guineas, was presented to Viscount Althorp.

Richard Astley, Esq., the then father of the Club, and one of its most active supporters, died, and Thomas Mellish, Esq., a Vice-President, resigned. 1832

His Grace the Duke of Richmond was elected a Vice-President.

Resolved, that in future the breeders' certificates be required.

That any member who shall become 20 guineas in arrear be excluded from the list of members.

That the extra gold medal in class 1 be discontinued. 1833

The Duke of Richmond won a match made with Lord Huntingfield, for the five best shearling Southdown wethers. 1834

Messrs. Hoare were appointed the Bankers of the Club. The Secretary to draw upon them.

The stone altered from 8 to 14 lbs., according to Act of Parliament.

No person allowed to send more than one ox and one cow into the yard as extra stock.

That unless the proprietors of show yard give more for show in future, it will be held elsewhere.

The Marquis of Exeter won a match with Earl Spencer for the best Freemartin heifer. 1835

Mr. Ellman won a match with Thomas Coke, Esq., for Southdowns.

Resolved, that a silver medal be given to the butcher who shall purchase animals to the largest amount out of the classes, upon his duly producing to the Secretary the certificates of purchase.

N.B.—From the Prize Sheet for 1835, it appears that only one beast, one pen of three sheep, and one pen of three pigs, belonging to the same person could be exhibited in each class.

Humphrey Gibbs, Esq. (afterwards Humphrey Brandreth), was elected Honorary Secretary. 1836

Mr. William Farey, for many years Secretary, died.

The use of Islington Market offered for Show.

- 1837 A Committee was appointed to see if better premises could be obtained for the Club's show.
 Resolved, that any member of the Club who has paid up all arrears of his subscription, or any new member on his admission, may compound for all future annual subscriptions by the payment of 10 guineas.
 The Duke of Richmond having called attention to the importance of the dead-weight returns, the Hon. Secretary offered to be present at the weighing, which offer was accepted with thanks.
 Non-members to pay 10s. 6d. for standing room for showing Implements.
 Resolved, that in future no butchers' medal be given.
- 1838 This was the last year of the show being held at Goswell Street.
- 1839 The show was held at the Baker Street Bazaar for the first time.
 Resolved, that in consequence of the great increase of stock shown of late years, there be for the future three Judges of cattle and Long-woolled sheep, and three Judges of Short-woolled sheep and pigs.
 That three additional Stewards be appointed, for the purpose of selecting the Judges of Short-woolled sheep and pigs.
 That new classes for Scotch and Welsh cattle be formed.
 Certificates of live stock to be sent so as to reach Hon. Secretary on or before the last day of November.
 All intending exhibitors of Implements to give six days' notice preceding to the day on which they should arrive at show yard.
 The Duke of Manchester became father of the Club.
- 1840 His Royal Highness Prince Albert visited the show.
 A die for the medals, with the profile of Earl Spencer, President, was ordered to be engraved by William Wyon, R.A.
 Days of Show to be on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday preceding the great Smithfield Market.
 Class labels to be sent to exhibitors to admit their animals.
 Resolved, that Stewards be allowed £7 each for their expenses.
- 1841 His Royal Highness Prince Albert was elected a member of the Club.
 Resolved, that in future no animals fed on milk during 12 months previous to the show, except pigs, be qualified.
 The President having expressed a wish that the meeting would give its opinion as to the age that drew the distinction between a cow and a heifer, it was found to be the opinion of the meeting, *that the term heifer applied until the animal was four years old, and that after that it should be considered a cow.* Also, that the term steer applied until the animal was four years old, after that it should be considered an ox.
 Resolved, that in future the gold medals for both Long and Short-woolled sheep be confined to the one-year-old classes only.
 That the butchers' medal be offered for the future the same as in 1835.
 His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge was elected a member of the Club.

A new class for Cross-bred sheep (Long and Short-woolled Cross) was formed for 1843. 1842

On the motion of the President, Earl Spencer, it was resolved, that in future the Club's gold medals be given to the *feeders*, in place of the breeders.

The members who have paid 20 annual subscriptions be allowed to compound for five guineas.

"That no animal, the property of or bred by any person who has been expelled from any agricultural society, or otherwise disqualified from exhibiting stock at any agricultural show in consequence of having been proved to have exhibited any stock with a false certificate, shall be exhibited at the shows of the Smithfield Club: provided that if the person so disqualified or expelled shall have taken any legal proceedings in consequence of such expulsion or disqualification, and a court of law shall have decided in his favour, the case may be submitted to the Club, who shall then have the right to determine whether the above rule shall apply to his case."

Stewards' fees discontinued.

Charge to Non-Members for exhibiting Implements raised to one guinea.

Humphrey Gibbs (now H. Brandreth) resigned the office of Hon. Secretary. 1843

B. T. Brandreth Gibbs elected Hon. Secretary.

Philip Pusey, Esq., M.P., elected a Vice-President.

Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Albert honoured the Club by visiting the show, Dec. 13th. 1844

Earl Spencer, the Duke of Richmond, and B. T. Brandreth Gibbs were elected Trustees.

Resolved, that in future a separate gold medal be offered for the best *cow or heifer* in the classes.

That no member who is more than one year in arrear of his annual subscription shall enjoy any of the privileges of the members of the Smithfield Club.

Lord Western, a Vice-President, died.

The Earl of Hardwicke elected a Vice-President.

The Earl Spencer died, having been President of the Club 20 years. 1845

His Grace the Duke of Richmond, K.G., was elected President.

On the motion of Philip Pusey, Esq., M.P., the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That we desire to record our lasting gratitude to the late Earl Spencer, for his long exertions in the service of the Smithfield Club, which were neither interrupted by the discharge of more arduous duties, nor damped by retirement from public life, or by the advance of years; and also to express our affectionate veneration for his manly and noble character."

Resolved, that for the future, in the sheep classes which are restricted as to weights, *live*-weights be substituted for dead-weights.

Lord Portman was elected a Trustee, in the room of the late Earl Spencer.

A class for Scotch, Welsh, and Irish cattle was re-established for next year.

It was determined to offer a gold medal for the best pen of pigs in the classes.

Sir John S. Sebright, Bart., a Vice-President, died.

Earl Spencer elected a Vice-President.

- 1846 A piece of plate was presented at the Club's dinner to Humphrey Brandreth, Esq., the late Hon. Secretary.

- 1847 J. M. Cripps, Esq., a Vice-President, died.

Resolved, that in future all restrictions as to feeding in the oxen and steer classes be done away with.

That in future non-members pay a fee of a guinea to the funds of the Club to entitle them to exhibit.

That in future the Judges be not made acquainted with the kinds of food on which the animals have been fed.

That disqualified animals be removed from the yard before the public exhibition.

That in future the Cross-bred sheep be judged by the Judges of Short-wools.

That in future no return of dead-weights be required from the exhibitors or the butchers.

The names of servants to be in attendance on live stock to be stated in certificate.

- 1848 That the restrictions on the feeding of sheep be done away with.

That the Judges be not made acquainted with the travelling of the animals to the show.

That a new class be formed for Short-woolled sheep, other than Southdowns.

- 1849 That in future exhibitors of stock be admitted to a private view of the show, viz. between 8 and 10 o'clock in the evening of the day of adjudication, provided the Judges have signed their awards.

Thomas Gibbs, Esq., the father of the Club, died.

- 1850 Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince Albert again honoured the Club by visiting the show.

Full power was delegated to the President to admit the Royal Family of this or other countries at whatever time he may consider expedient.

Resolved, "that the Club being anxious to evince and perpetuate its feelings of respect towards the Duke of Richmond, the President desires that his Grace's profile should appear on the reverse of the

Club's medals, and that His Grace be requested to sit to W. Wyon, Esq., R.A., of Her Majesty's Mint, for the preparation of a die."

Resolved, that artists be not allowed to take portraits of animals in the yard after 12 o'clock noon.

Resolved, that in future the cattle be classified according to breed. 1851
That all notices of motion be delivered to the Hon. Secretary on or before the last day on which certificates are to be received.

That a copy be sent by the Secretary to each member stating the meeting at which such motion is to be considered, &c.

That the Stewards be empowered to call in some competent person to assist them, in case they entertain doubts as to the age of any animal, &c.

The cattle were classified into distinct breeds, viz.:— 1852
Devons.
Herefords.
Short-horns.
Scotch, Welsh, or Irish.
Other Pure Breeds.
Cross or Mixed Breeds.

A Committee reported its recommendation to add poultry to the show, but it was subsequently found that the space would not admit of it.

Imperial measure and statute acres to be adopted in future.

Resolved, "that it shall be incumbent on the exhibitors and breeders of animals exhibited at the Smithfield Club's shows to prove the correctness of their certificates, if called upon by the Stewards to do so." 1853
Separate classes were formed for Welsh cattle.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and His Royal Highness Prince Alfred, honoured the show by visiting it. 1854

Resolved, that in future the ages of animals be calculated to a fixed day, viz., the 1st of December.

That the Judges give in a reserve number in each class, in case of a prize animal being disqualified.

That in future no person be eligible to be elected a Steward unless he shall have been a member of the Club three years.

That in future steam engines, &c., may be exhibited down-stairs.

Stringent rules were adopted in reference to false entries, and as to 2nd prize animals taking 1st prize in place of disqualified animals.

That no exhibitor make more than one entry in the same class.

That for the future, in Extra Stock Long-wools, and also Short-wools, there be a silver medal for the best wether sheep, and another for the best ewe. 1855

That in future members who shall have paid their subscriptions for the current year be admitted to the private view by a special card.

That a silver medal be awarded to the breeder of each first prize animal in the Scotch and Welsh classes, provided he has furnished the breeder's certificate.

That the outgoing Stewards shall nominate their successors to the Honorary Secretary previously to the usual notice paper being sent to the members, prior to the annual meeting; and that no member shall be considered eligible to be appointed unless he shall have been three years a member of the Club.

A testimonial of plate was presented to B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, Hon. Secretary, at the annual dinner of the Club.

Philip Pusey, Esq., M.P., a Vice-President, died.
Members admitted free to the show.

- 1856 The amount of prizes offered by the Club was still further increased, and additional separate classes added for Sussex, Norfolk or Suffolk-polled, Long-horned, Scotch-horned, Scotch-polled, and Irish cattle.

Resolved that in future the award be not read at the dinner, except the portion relating to the gold medals.

That in future the certificate be lodged with the Hon. Secretary, on a fixed day, viz. always November 1st, except the 1st fall on Sunday, and then to be on Monday, the 2nd.

That in future the Prize Sheet, with Rules, Statement of Accounts, and List of Members, with date of election, &c., be printed in form of a pamphlet.

- 1857 The thanks of the Club were voted to the Hon. Secretary for his "History of the Club," and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

That in future the Club's accounts and statements thereof be made up to the 1st of December; that the statements show the balance carried forward from year to year; and that the Stewards audit the accounts up to the 1st of December annually; and that the statement be that of cash actually received and paid.

Earl Spencer, a Vice-President, died.

Restriction on the hours during which artists are permitted to take portraits discontinued.

- 1858 The Right Honourable Lord Feversham elected a Vice-President.

On the motion of Mr. John Giblett, a committee was appointed "to inquire into the practicability of procuring a better and more commodious place for the Smithfield Club to hold its annual exhibitions."

That there be three additional Judges—viz. three for cattle; three for Long-woolled sheep and pigs, and three for Short-woolled and Cross-bred sheep. Those for cattle and Long-woolled sheep and pigs to be nominated by the Stewards of cattle and Long-wools.

That in future all the pigs exhibited shall have their dentition examined by a competent authority previously to the Judges making their award; and that if the dentition shall satisfactorily indicate that the age of any pig has been incorrectly returned in the certificate, the

Stewards shall disqualify such pig and report their having done so to the first meeting of the Club, and that such disqualification shall be final and without appeal.

That there be two Silver Medals for Extra Stock cattle—viz. one for steers or oxen, and one for heifers or cows.

That the Judges' award be not read *in extenso*, but laid on the table.

That no alterations be made in any of the implement stands, except under the actual directions of the Stewards or Hon. Secretary, who have the control of the arrangements.

That the exhibitors be bound to acquiesce in and observe any decisions of the Stewards or Secretary, both as to the articles to be exhibited and the arrangements of their stands.

His Royal Highness the Prince Consort visited the show.

1859

The Show-yard Committee reported on the site, &c., that had been offered for the Club's Show, including a proposition from the Crystal Palace Company at Sydenham.

Mr. John Giblett having suggested the formation of a company, the Show-yard Committee recommended "That, if a responsible company be formed and adequate terms offered to the Club, the Club should lease their exhibition for a term of not exceeding 21 years." The committee was empowered to further consider the subject and report again in May, 1860.

That a tabular statement of the amounts offered in prizes and the number of entries in the different classes during the last three years be printed and furnished to the members.

That no article (excepting agricultural books) exhibited in the implement galleries be allowed to be removed during the time the show is open to the public.

The Right Honourable Lord Walsingham elected a Vice-President.

C. T. Tower, Esq. (the father of the Club), elected a Vice-President.

Preliminary prospectus of the proposed Agricultural Hall Company issued, with Mr. Jonas Webb as Chairman. 1860

The Show-yard Committee reported their recommendation in favour of the site known as "Dixon's Lairs," at Islington—

"That if a responsible company be formed who will enter into an

"agreement to erect a suitable building on this site to the satisfac-

"tion of the Club, also to pay the Club £1000 per annum, and to

"enter into an arrangement on similar terms to those now made

"with Mr. Boulnois, the Club shall lease their exhibition for a

"term of not exceeding 21 years, commencing 1862."

Several meetings of the Club were held on the subject of the removal of the shows to the proposed new Agricultural Hall.

On the 17th of July the following resolution was carried:—

"That the report of the Sub-Committee appointed at the

"general meeting of December 9th, 1859, to inquire into the

"practicability of providing a more commodious place for holding

"the annual exhibitions of the Smithfield Club, having been

"adopted at the special general meeting of the 22nd of May, 1860,

"and the report of the Legal Arrangements Committee, appointed

"on the same 22nd of May, to conclude the terms of an agreement
 "with the Agricultural Hall Company having also been adopted
 "at the special general meeting held on the 6th of June,
 "1860, this meeting does in the fullest manner confirm those
 "proceedings."

Power was given to the Committee, or any two, to sign the agreement, and a copy of it ordered to be entered on the minutes.

His Grace the Duke of Richmond, K.G., President of the Club, died.

Resolved, "That this meeting desires to record its deep regret at
 "the irreparable loss the Club has sustained by the decease of its
 "late President, His Grace the Duke of Richmond, K.G., who
 "has during a number of years given the greatest attention to
 "further its objects, and promote its prosperity."

The Earl of Yarborough, a Vice-President, died.

Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince Consort visited the show, Dec. 10th, 1860.

Her Majesty the Empress of the French visited the show.

Resolved, that the President be elected for the term of one year, and that the said President be not eligible for re-election for the term of three years, and that this be the rule of the Club for the future.

The Right Honourable Lord Berners elected President for 1861, being the first of the annual Presidents.

Lord Portman and B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, Esq., resigned their office of Trustees, and the thanks of the Club voted.

Charles Barnett, Esq., Thomas Greetham, Esq., and Samuel Druce, Esq., elected Trustees.

Resolved, that all exhibitors of Cross-bred animals shall be required to specify the exact nature of the cross—that is, the breed of sire and dam respectively, and whether the animal exhibited is the result of a first or more remote cross.

Prize sheet re-arranged, fresh divisions and classes added, and prizes to amount of nearly £300 extra. (See appendix for year 1862.)

The following were added to the list of Vice-Presidents :

Lord Berwick.

The Honourable Colonel Hood.

The Earl of Leicester.

The Duke of Richmond.

Lord Berwick, a Vice-President, died.

1861 Lord Tredegar elected a Vice-President.

Implement Committee appointed to arrange as to allotment of space and determine the rules and regulations for the implement department.

Resolved, that the Hon. Secretary be requested to make the same arrangements as to catalogues that he has been in the habit of making with Mr. Boulnois, and that the entire arrangement shall rest with the Hon. Secretary of the Club, who is to fix the maximum price at which the catalogues are to be sold by the Agricultural Hall Company.

A Committee appointed to consider and determine the principle on which the space devoted to implements, &c., in the new Agricultural Hall shall be allotted in 1862. and to determine the general arrangement to be adopted in planning out that department, &c.

The Show held at the Agricultural Hall for the first time.

1862

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited the Show, accompanied by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Prussia, His Royal Highness the Duke of Brabant (now King of the Belgians), and His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Hesse, also His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary of Cambridge.

Prize Sheet revised, and £600 added to the prizes.

Resolved, that an Implement Catalogue be published on the same terms as the Live Stock Catalogue.

That in future any member of the Club who has duly served his three years as Steward of the yard shall not be eligible for re-appointment for the next six years.

That both the nomination and election of the new Stewards be in the business of the general meeting, and that no retiring Steward have the especial right of nominating his successor.

On the motion of Major-General the Honourable A. N. Hood, it was resolved:

1st. That the management of the Smithfield Club be vested in a Council, consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Hon. Secretary, and 24 members.

2nd. That one-third of the 24 members shall go out annually by rotation, and not be re-eligible for one year.

3rd. That the Council shall prepare rules and regulations for the management of the Club, and shall submit them for consideration and adoption at a special general meeting of the Club in May, 1863.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was elected a member of the Club.

Two silver cups, value £40, for cattle, three silver cups, value £20, for sheep, offered in lieu of gold medals, also separate silver medals for ewes in Extra Stock.

On March 5th the Council of the Club held its first meeting and considered the draft of bye-laws as preliminarily prepared by the Hon. Secretary. 1863

Resolved, that the Hon. Secretary be empowered to appoint an Assistant Secretary, at a salary of 50 guineas per annum. That the appointment, removal, and control of such Assistant Secretary shall rest entirely with the Hon. Secretary.

Resolved, that one month be added to the ages of sheep—viz. to be under 23 months instead of 22 months as heretofore, also to be above 23 months and under 35 months, instead of above 22 and under 34 months.

That a silver cup, value £10, be offered in lieu of the butchers' medal.

Bye-laws of the Club finally discussed and agreed to.

The private view arranged to take place on the Monday afternoon of the show, and the public to be admitted at 5s. each.

Resolved, that every member of the Council be invited to send in the names of fitting persons for Judges in each particular class.

That the Council shall select the Judges.

That the Council shall have power to add names to the list.

That the member of Council sending in any names shall first ascertain that the respective parties are willing to act as Judges.

That the names be delivered to the Hon. Secretary on or before the 1st of November.

Resolved, that there be fifteen Judges—viz. six for cattle, six for sheep, and three for pigs.

Resolved, that all the Judges of cattle shall be joined to decide the adjudication of the silver cups, and in case of equality of votes, the Stewards shall call in a Judge (as umpire) out of one of the other divisions.

That the six Judges of sheep shall be joined to decide the last cup named on the Prize Sheet, and in case of equality of votes, the Stewards shall call in an umpire, as in the case of cattle.

A special Divine Service given for the first time by the Vicar of Islington for the men in charge of live stock.

The first report of the Council laid before the general meeting.

Two Stewards of implements appointed.

Humphrey Brandreth, Esq. (formerly Hon. Secretary), elected a Vice-President.

1864 Resolved, that members of the Club and exhibitors be admitted to the galleries during the judging.

That a framed diploma and a sovereign be given to the man (to be named by the exhibitor) who has had charge of the stock winning the first prize in each class.

The ages in the class for steers were re-arranged. (See Prize Sheet).

The marking of the sheep's ears was discontinued.

Resolved, that all protests against animals exhibited at the Club's shows must be delivered in before 6 o'clock, p.m., on the Tuesday of the show, and that no protest be received after that time.

Fines were instituted for the non-exhibition of animals that had been entered.

Resolved, that the Club will not in any case, or under any circumstances, hold itself responsible for any loss, damage, or mis-delivery of live stock, or any article exhibited at the Club's shows.

Rosettes placed over winning animals.

Resolved, that for the information of the agricultural and such other journals as may wish to publish the awards the same evening, the winning numbers be posted on a placard in the gallery, from time to time, as the Judges proceed.

That the reporters of the press generally shall obtain the complete award by applying at the Hon. Secretary's office in the Hall, at three o'clock, when a clerk will be in attendance to read over the numbers, so that the reporters may mark their catalogues.

Veterinary Inspector's fee raised to £15.

Judges' fees raised to £7.

Freemartins to be allowed to compete in the heifer classes.

The Marquis of Huntly, Vice-President, died.

Humphrey Brandreth, Esq., Vice-President, died.

1865 Resolved, that the Stewards be paid a fee of £10 each.

That a silver cup be substituted for the gold medal hitherto given for the best pen of pigs.

That a gold medal be given in lieu of a silver medal to the breeder of the best ox or steer, also to the breeder of the best cow or heifer, in any of the classes.

That there be three butchers' cups; one for beast, one for sheep, and one for pigs.

The date of the show was put a week later than usual in consequence of the cattle plague necessitating early slaughter after the show.

Various stringent rules were enacted, in order to guard against the spread of the cattle plague; animals exhibited at any show within a month being excluded; veterinary certificates being required to be sent with the animals; conveyances to be disinfected; animals to be examined by a veterinary inspector before being admitted to the show; constant attendance of veterinary inspectors night and day, &c.

Resolved, that this year the show shall close on the Thursday evening instead of the Friday.

Resolved, that the Stewards of live stock and implements, not already members of the Council, be so *ex-officio*, during their terms of stewardship.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the general meeting of the Smithfield Club, held this 12th day of December, 1865, that it is the duty of the Government, under the formidable visitation by which this country has been afflicted, to issue such orders for the regulation of the cattle trade in Great Britain as may be necessary to check the extension of the cattle plague, so that the practice may be uniform throughout the country; also, that this meeting concurs in the spirit of the recommendations made to the Privy Council by the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England in reference to the cattle plague, and begs to press on the Government the extreme importance and urgency of its taking immediate steps to insure uniformity of action throughout the country.

Resolved, that the death of the animal within fourteen days of the show shall exonerate from the fine.

Resolved, that in all other cases the fine shall be paid.

Resolved, that the condition disqualifying spayed heifers be struck out. 1866

That the butchers' cups be discontinued.

That the rule excluding animals exhibited elsewhere within a month be rescinded for this year.

That all the other rules and regulations in reference to cattle plague be enforced as last year, with the exception of that altering the date of the show.

That no steps be taken by the Council of the Smithfield Club to obtain a relaxation of the orders of Privy Council in reference to the cattle plague.

That a deputation, consisting of the President and Hon. Secretary, shall wait on the Privy Council to advocate the following recommendations:

- 1st. That no fair or market for store stock should be opened before the 1st of April.
- 2nd. That the greatest care should be taken that the regulations as to quarantine be rigidly carried out.
- 3rd. That permanent lairs be established at the ports of debarkation.

1867 Resolved, that a list of the winners of the gold medals and silver cups at the past shows of the Club be printed at the end of the annual Prize Sheets; the same to be a reprint and continuation of the tabular statement in the appendix to the Hon. Secretary's "History of the Smithfield Club."

That a list of the members of the Club be printed at the end of the Prize Sheets.

That none but the official placards respecting the food on which the animals have been fed be allowed to be placed over the heads of the animals in the Hall.

Lord Feversham, Vice-President, and C. T. Tower, Esq., Vice-President and father of the Club, died; also Thos. Greetham, a Trustee, died.

The Club entered into arrangements with the Agricultural Hall Company respecting various alterations in the Hall, by which on the one hand the Club has to pay the Hall Company £1,000, in consideration of the enlargement of the galleries; building of a dining-room, in which the Club's annual dinners are to be held; store-room for animal's food, and construction of a new building for the pigs, and other improvements.

On the motion of the President (Major-General Hood):—

Resolved, that £15 be given for a report on the animals exhibited at the Club's show.

The Duke of Marlborough and the Earl of Powis elected Vice-Presidents.

The President was requested to lay the following resolutions before the Privy Council as recommendations from the Council of the Smithfield Club:—

That all foreign stock be slaughtered at the place of landing.

That sheep be included in the present quarantine regulations for store stock.

Mr. H. H. Dixon was appointed to write the report of the present year's show.

Resolved, that in future each member of the Council shall not nominate more than one person in each division of Judges, and that the conditions requiring that the nominators shall have first ascertained their willingness to act be omitted.

Her Majesty the Queen exhibited for the first time in her own name. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales exhibited for the first time.

A donation of £25 was received from Her Majesty the Queen, in lieu of that of £5 hitherto annually paid by Major-General the Hon. A. N. Hood.

W. Torr, Esq., elected Trustee.

Stringent regulations were enacted in reference to cattle plague (Rinderpest).

1868 Resolved, that 750 copies of the report on the last show be printed, and the same number of the Honorary Secretary's "History of the Club."

Resolved, that this Council approves of the principle of the Metropolitan Foreign Cattle Market Bill, introduced by Her Majesty's Government, and is of opinion that all fat animals imported should be slaughtered at the port of debarkation; and lean live stock should be

subject to such a period of quarantine as would preclude the possibility of the reintroduction of the cattle plague.

The President was requested to communicate this resolution to the Privy Council to be forwarded to the Select Committee appointed by the House of Commons.

A class established for cross-bred Long-woolled sheep.

Three divisions for pigs, viz., White Breeds,
Black Breed,
Other Breeds.

It was ordered, that the nature of crosses of all animals be stated in full in the catalogue.

Resolved, that in future the live weights of all cattle, each pen of sheep, shall be ascertained and made public, and that if necessary a weighbridge be purchased.

Resolved, that a luncheon shall take place in the new Dining-hall, at the Agricultural Hall, on the Tuesday in the show week, immediately after the general meeting of the members on that day.

The price of standing room in the galleries was fixed at 6s. per foot frontage, and on the ground floor 18s. per foot frontage.

Resolved, that the Council expresses its opinion that all cattle exhibited at the Smithfield Show should, under proper regulations, be allowed to be removed into the country at the close of the show.

A deputation was appointed to wait on the Lord President of the Privy Council to urge the same.

The same Committee was authorised to make the necessary arrangements as to the disinfecting of cattle conveyances, &c.

The subject of additional space was referred to a committee to examine into the details and report thereon.

It was ordered that Mr. H. H. Dixon should again write the report on the animals exhibited at the Club's show.

There was a preliminary discussion of the subject of the President-Elect and Vice-Presidents.

The members, exhibitors, &c., were admitted to the unoccupied portions of the area of the Show, instead of the galleries only.

Resolved, that the Judges shall be nominated by the Council and appointed by a Judges' Selection Committee.

In the Devon, Hereford, and Short-horn Divisions, and the classes for steers 2 years 6 months old, 2nd prizes increased, and 3rd prizes added; and Sussex steers 3 years old, 3rd prizes added. 1869

In the Irish Cattle Division the following to be the wording:—

Irish Breed of Cattle. All animals in these classes must be bred in Ireland.

In the Divisions for Hampshire or Wiltshire sheep, also for Oxfordshire, a new class to be established for fat Wether sheep, 2 years old (above 23 and under 35 months.)

CHAMPION PLATE:—

Resolved, that a piece of plate, value £100, be offered for the best beast in the yard, including Extra Stock; also

That a piece of plate, value £50, be offered for the best pen of sheep in the yard; also

That a piece of plate, value £10, be offered for the best single sheep in Extra Stock.

In the Extra Stock Short-wools (not Southdowns).

That 2 silver medals be offered, viz :—

One for the best Wether,

One for the best Ewe.

Resolved, that in place of the disqualification of pigs being final when the state of the dentition is not satisfactory, that the last clause of Rule 21 shall in future be as follows :—

“If the dentition shall indicate that the age of any of the pigs has
“been incorrectly returned in the certificates, the Stewards shall
“call upon the exhibitor to prove to their satisfaction the correct-
“ness of his certificate.”

Resolved, that the fee to be paid by non-members be two guineas instead of one as heretofore.

That the Judges' Selection Committee shall consist of the President and Stewards of live stock.

To recommend to the general meeting that the date of the Council meeting, which is now fixed by the Bye-laws to be held in March, be altered to February.

Determined, that the Club's Annual Dinner shall take place in the Dining-hall attached to the show, on Monday, December 6th, at 4.30.

Resolved, that the entries of foreign cattle must be received.

Resolved, that in all cases in which one of a number of executors or trustees shall in the capacity of executor or trustee become a member of the Club, he shall be allowed to exhibit stock belonging to such trust paying a separate subscription in respect thereof.

Resolved, that in the case of stock belonging to more than one person, *i.e.*, a partnership, one of which partners is a member of the Club, such stock may be exhibited on the payment of a non-member's fee on behalf of the other partner or partners.

1870 In the Scotch-horned classes it was determined to substitute the words “West-highland,” and to establish distinct classes for other Scotch breeds.

In Leicesters	In Hampshire or Wiltshire
„ Cotswolds	„ Shropshire
„ Lincolns	„ Oxfordshire
„ Southdowns	

to establish a new class for 3 ewes above 3 years old, and that must have had a lamb.

That the Champion Plate for the best single sheep be discontinued.

In the conditions of the silver cups in the divisions for Shropshire, Oxfordshire, Cross-bred or any other breed, the words “one year old” be inserted so as to limit the competition to one year old sheep, as already in the Southdown division.

Money prizes substituted for silver medals in the Extra Stock cattle.

A silver cup not exceeding £5 in value be given for the best wether in the following divisions :—

1st. Leicesters, Cotswolds, Lincolns, Kentish or other Long-wools.

2nd. Southdown, Hampshire or Wiltshire.

3rd. Shropshire, Oxfordshire, Cross-bred, or other breed of sheep ;
also,

That a silver cup (as above) be given for the best single pig in Extra Stock.

The wording of Rule 17 was amended to read as follows:—

“It is incumbent on exhibitors and breeders of animals exhibited at the Smithfield Club's Show to prove the correctness of their certificates if called upon by the Stewards to do so. If any mis-statement or wilful incorrectness shall at any time be proved to have been made in any certificate, the offender shall, for such wilful mis-statement, be disqualified ever afterwards from exhibiting at the shows of the Club, and no stock bred by him shall be allowed to be exhibited at the subsequent meetings of the Club.

If such certificate belong to an animal which has been or shall be awarded a prize at the Smithfield Club's Show, the prize shall be withheld, and Rule 18 apply, viz. prizes to go up by gradation.”

Resolved, that it be an instruction to the Judges' Selection Committee not to appoint as Judges any persons who will act as Judges at the Birmingham Show the same year.

Earl Powis offered prize for the best instrument for the slaughter of animals by the severance of the spinal vertebræ, viz. £20 for the best instrument that shall be an efficient substitute for the pole-axe for slaughtering animals by separating the spinal marrow, commonly called “pithing.”

Resolved, to discontinue the Report on the animals exhibited at the Club's Show.

Classes established for ewes of the Leicesters, Cotswolds, Lincolns, Southdowns, Hampshire or Wiltshire-downs, Shropshire and Oxfordshire breeds.

A vote of thanks passed to the Right Honourable Lord Penrhyn, for his handsome donation of £100 to the Club, and also the expression of regret of the Council that his lordship is unable to accept the Presidency of the Club for 1872. 1871

That the class for Long and Short-wool Cross-bred sheep, 1 year old, not exceeding 220lb. live weight, be abolished (light weight class).

That no animal exhibited at any previous show of the Club shall again compete in the same class.

That in future the men in charge of live stock at the show yard lead out their animals before the Judges.

That such of the eight senior members of Council as shall not be exhibitors shall be added to the Judges' Selection Committee, which at present consists of the President and Stewards of live stock.

That the Council Meeting and General Meeting during the show should be held on the Tuesday as heretofore, the former at 11 o'clock and the latter at 1 o'clock.

That the statement of accounts for the past year should be printed and distributed round to the general meeting instead of being read as heretofore.

It was determined to take measures to insure the herdsmen and shepherds having the prize cards to take home; also that copies be prepared for the butchers purchasing the animals.

A committee was appointed to make the arrangements as to disinfecting, etc., of the cattle conveyances.

That the separate Implement Catalogue be discontinued, and that in lieu there shall be added to the Stock Catalogue an index giving the

name, address, and trade of each exhibitor or firm, the number of the stand of each, a plan of the galleries, showing the position of each stand and its reference number; also the name, address, trade, and number of stand of each exhibitor or firm, on the ground-floor.

That the butchers purchasing cattle at the Club's shows be invited to send an account of the dead weights for publication, and that the name and address of each butcher complying with this request be published with his return.

Eighteen animals refused admission on account of foot and mouth disease.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Council there was a discussion at the general meeting on the following subject, viz.:—

“Whether animals exhibited elsewhere within a limited period before the date of the Club's Show should or should not be admitted in future during the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease.”

1872 Resolved, to accept the offer of Earl Powis to renew the prize this year for the best instrument for slaughtering animals.

Resolved, to establish a new class for Sussex steers, not exceeding 2 years and 6 months old.

Resolved, to abolish the class for light weight Leicester sheep, also the class for the old sheep in the Oxfordshire breed.

Resolved, that any animal that has once won the Champion Plate shall not compete for it again.

That no animal (cattle, sheep, or pig), exhibited at any other show within one month previous to the 6th of December, 1872, be allowed to be exhibited at the Smithfield Club's Show this year.

That each exhibitor be required to certify that any animal to be sent by him for exhibition at the Smithfield Club's Show this year has not been, and will not be, shown at any other exhibition within one month previous to December 6th, 1872.

That all animals undergo a veterinary examination previous to being admitted at the doors of the Agricultural Hall.

That exhibitors shall send with each animal a certificate that it has not been, for 14 days previous to its leaving home for the Smithfield Club's Show, in contact with any animal suffering from contagious or infectious disease.

That all animals (cattle, sheep, or pigs) coming by railway to the Smithfield Club's Show be sent in horse boxes, or in private conveyances.

Communication from Professor Simonds read, stating that his election as the Principal of the Royal Veterinary College, would prevent his continuing to be Veterinary Inspector of the Club.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be passed to Professor Simonds for the services he has rendered to the Club, and that he be elected Honorary Veterinary Inspector.

Resolved, that Professor Brown be elected Veterinary Inspector to the Club. That the fee be 40 guineas, on the understanding that either he or a duly qualified veterinary surgeon appointed by him, be in attendance day and night from Thursday morning, December 5th, up to Saturday night, December 7th, to inspect every animal previous to its admission into the show, and during the time they remain in the yard.

That the best thanks of this Council be given to the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England for the course they are pursuing in detecting and exposing the adulteration of feeding stuffs and manures, and that the sum of £100 be voted from the funds of the Club towards the expense incurred by that Council in the case of *Kidd v. the Royal Agricultural Society of England*.

That the following alteration be made in the Bye-laws respecting the preparation of the house list, of the eight names recommended as members of Council to succeed those who retire annually by rotation, viz.:—

- “That the Council of the Smithfield Club shall select the names of 16 members instead of eight as heretofore, such 16 names to be printed on a form similar to voting papers used for the election of guardians, and also with a space for the substitution of other names as heretofore, and that the same be sent by post to every member of the Club in time for the member to record his vote thereon and return it to the Secretary before the annual meeting. No member to vote for more than eight names.”

Resolved, that the classes for Long-horned cattle should be discontinued. 1873

Prizes for Irish cattle and Kentish and Cross-bred sheep increased. Class established for Kentish ewe sheep.

Rescinded, that all animals (cattle, sheep, or pigs), coming by railway to the Smithfield Club's Show be sent in horseboxes or in private conveyances.

The Judges reported that none of the instruments for the slaughter of animals by “pithing” effectually accomplished the desired object.

Resolved, that the catalogue of the show be handed to the Agricultural Hall Company as heretofore on the express conditions that no notices nor advertisements be inserted except at the end thereof.

Resolved, to increase the salary of the Assistant-Secretary to one hundred guineas per annum, to commence from Christmas last.

That iron feeding troughs be provided for all animals sent to the show in order to prevent the chance of disease being brought from other places.

The Dinner Committee Report adopted, viz.:—

“That so many meetings of various sorts usually held during the show week, it does not appear likely that a sufficient number would attend either a dinner or a luncheon to make it expedient for either to be held.”

The Committee, whilst fully recognizing the very great hospitality exhibited by some of the Presidents in recent years in inviting the Council to sumptuous entertainments, and without wishing in any way to interfere with the free action of the President, would venture to suggest to the Council whether it is not too much to expect from the Presidents of the Club, and indeed, whether if such entertainments given at the Presidents' expense should become a recognized practice, it might not in some degree embarrass the general meetings of the Club, in filling up the Presidency at the annual elections, and lessen the compliment intended to be conveyed in nominating the prominent supporters of the Club for that important office.

Resolved, that there be—

9	Judges for Cattle,	} In sets of 3.
9	„ Sheep,	
3	„ Pigs,	

Resolved, that the date of each gentleman's election as a member of the Club be inserted in the voting paper.

Resolved, that the Council be empowered to nominate 3 scrutineers to examine the voting papers for the Council before the general meetings in December.

On Tuesday morning, December 9th, a dense fog prevailed, and several of the animals were found to be suffering from difficult breathing during the day, others presented similar symptoms. In the night the fog became more dense, and two of the cattle died.

On Wednesday morning many of the animals were removed from the hall to the entrance yard.

During Wednesday night and Thursday morning 91 cattle were removed at the request of the owners or their agents; of these, 50 were slaughtered, some died in the vans in which they were taken away, and some recovered.

Cattle in the open air of the Metropolitan Market were affected with "Fog Sickness" to such an extent as to render their immediate slaughter necessary; also in 18 places in Islington, St. Pancras, Marylebone, Bloomsbury, Haverstock Hill, Dalston, Shoreditch, Haggerstone, Hoxton, Clerkenwell and Aldersgate.

1874 A class instituted for Scotch-horned breeds (not Highland); also a class for Ryeland, Cheviot, and Dorset ewes.

Resolved, to offer—

CATTLE.

£100 Champion Plate as heretofore.

£50 Cup for the best Steer or Ox in the classes.

£50 „ „ Heifer or Cow „

BREED CUPS.

£40 Cup for the best Devon beast in the classes.

£40 „ „ Hereford „ „

£40 „ „ Short-horn „ „

£40 „ „ Sussex „ „

£40 „ „ Scotch „ „

£40 „ „ Cross-bred „ „

£40 „ „ Beast of any of the other breeds in prize list.

SHEEP.

£20 Cup for the best pen of Leicesters in the classes.

£20 „ „ „ Cotswolds „ „

£20 „ „ „ Lincolns „ „

£20 „ „ „ Kentish „ „

£20 „ „ „ Cross-bred „ „

Either Long-wool Cross, or Long and Short-wool

£20 Cup for the best pen of Southdowns in the classes.

£20 „ „ „ Hampshire „ „

£20 „ „ „ Shropshire „ „

£20 „ „ „ Oxfordshire „ „

£20 „ „ „ Ryeland, &c. „ „

PIGS.

£20 Cup for the best pen of Three White pigs.

£20 " " " Three Black pigs.

£20 " " " Three, any other breed.

It was decided that all the cup prizes could be had by the winners either in plate or money at their option.

Class established for Ryeland, Cheviot, and Dorset ewes.

Decided, to strike out the words, that "The sheep must be shown in their wool."

Resolved, if the dentition shall indicate that the age of the pigs has been incorrectly returned in the certificate, the Stewards shall disqualify such pigs, and report the same to the Council.

Resolved, that one attendant should be admitted to each stand in the Implement department, on the Monday in the week of the show, and that the stands be uncovered by 10 o'clock on that morning.

That iron pails for the use of live stock at the show should be hired of the Agricultural Hall Company, and that no others be allowed to be brought in.

Increased ventilation was provided in the hall by patent louvre, 25 feet long, and 16 feet deep, at each end of the building, and also by additional ventilation over each of the stair-cases.

Resolved, that in the classes for the old steers and oxen of the Devon, Hereford, Short-horn, Sussex, and Cross or Mixed, the ages shall be limited to "not exceeding 4 years and 6 months old." 1875

Resolved, that the following classes be abolished, viz. :—

CATTLE—Scotch-horned steers or oxen (not being Scotch Highland),
 Scotch-horned heifers or cows, " " "
 Scotch-poll'd cows, above 4 years old.
 Irish steers or oxen, of any age.
 Irish heifers or cows, of any age.
 Welsh heifers or cows, of any age.

SHEEP.—Cross-bred Long-wool sheep, 1 year old.

Southdown wethers, 1-year old, under 200lb. live weight.

Resolved, to establish classes for wether lambs as under, born in year 1875, viz. :—

Leicesters,	Oxfordshire,
Cotswold,	Cross-bred,
Lincolns,	Kentish, Ryeland, Dorset, or
Southdowns,	any other pure breed, not
Hampshire,	before specified.
Shropshire,	

Resolved, to offer £50 Champion Plate for the best pen of three sheep in the show as formerly.

Resolved, that exhibitors be required to indemnify the Club from liability in the event of any damage or injury which may be caused by animals or machinery which they send for exhibition.

That the Stewards shall have the power to remove from the Agricultural Hall any animals they may deem fit.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to confer and consult with the authorities of the Agricultural Hall as to the future tendency or arrangement with them for holding the Smithfield Club's Show after

the expiration of the present lease, and report to the next Council Meeting.

Decided, to increase the rent for space in the Implement Department, viz. :—

Down Stairs to 20s. per foot frontage.

Bays in Galleries to 14s. „

That the Club's members' ticket of admission shall, up to 2 o'clock on the Monday of the show also admit one lady, accompanying such member entitled to entrance.

The thanks of the Council were voted to the Agricultural Hall Company for this concession.

Resolved, that a special vote of thanks be presented to Mr. B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, on the occasion of his election for the 33rd time to the office of Honorary Secretary in recognition of the interest he has taken in the Club, and the valuable and efficient services he has rendered it for so many years. That a copy of this resolution be engrossed and suitably prepared, and that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be respectfully requested to affix his signature to the same as the President of the Club for this year.

Resolved, that the offer of the Agricultural Hall Company, Limited, to give £1,250 per annum, and 100 guineas for cups, with a new lease for 21 years, to commence with the Cattle Show, 1876, be acceded to (subject to certain conditions of detail).

Classes established for lambs.

1876 That the Extra Stock cattle, sheep, and pigs be abolished.

Resolved, that in the new open classes established in place of Extra Stock, when the Breeders' Certificates cannot be obtained, the exhibitors must produce such evidence as will satisfy the Stewards of Live Stock that the animal does not exceed the prescribed age.

That 2 entries be allowed by the same person in any of the cattle or sheep classes.

That in future the breeders' medals in all cases shall only be given when the exhibitor and breeder are not the same person.

That the breeders' gold medals for the best steer or ox, and best heifer or cow in the classes which have been given in place of silver be discontinued.

That the classes for 2-year old sheep be abolished.

That the prizes in the lamb classes be increased.

That no animal or animals, having once won the Champion Plate, or either of the silver cups offered for cattle, sheep, or pigs, can compete for the same again.

That the food on which animals sent to the show have been fed, shall be omitted to be stated.

That there be a class for single pigs, of any breed or age, to follow the other classes.

Resolved—

1. That each distinct set of Judges of Cattle be requested to select an animal which, in their opinion is best calculated to compete for the Champion Prize.
2. That after the three animals have been selected, each set of Judges shall depute one Judge from their own body to assist in making the final award.

3. That similar regulations be adopted for awarding the Champion Prizes in the sheep classes.

That in future the Judges be furnished, before commencing, with the weight of all animals, pigs included.

And that all pigs be sent to the show in crates (to facilitate the weighing).

Authority given to the Trustees to sell out £300 Three per cent. Consols, in order to meet the current expenditure.

Resolved, that the collection and publication of the dead weights of animals exhibited at the shows be discontinued.

The illuminated vote of thanks was presented to the Honorary Secretary by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

That the following rule be added to the Prize Sheet—

"The Council of the Club reserves to itself the right to reject
"the entry or entries made by any person or persons, if it
"should deem fit to do so."

1877

That the weighing of pigs be discontinued.

Resolved, that notice should be given by members of Council of any important alterations they propose making in the prizes or rules of exhibition, so as to enable these to be put on the agenda for the February Council, when the Prize Sheet is settled.

Resolved, that no 2nd prize be awarded in any class unless there be at least 3 animals (cattle), or 3 pens of animals (sheep or pigs) exhibited, and no 3rd prize will be awarded in any class unless there be at least 5 animals (cattle), or 5 pens of animals (sheep or pigs) exhibited, except on the special recommendation of the Judges.

Resolved, that the new plan of judging the Champion Prize, as adopted last year, be abandoned, and that the old method of all the nine Judges acting as formerly be again adopted.

Resolved, that the words in the rule as to the state of dentition of pigs—

"The Stewards of live stock shall disqualify such pigs, and report
"the same to the Council,"

be altered thus :—

"The Stewards shall call upon the exhibitor to prove to their
"satisfaction the correctness of his certificate."

Resolved, that no animal be exhibited at the Smithfield Club's Show this year which has been exhibited elsewhere, after the 1st November, 1877, and that a special circular be sent to all exhibitors to this effect.

Resolved, that the Council of the Smithfield Club desires to express its gratification at the appointment of the Select Committee to enquire into the recent outbreak of cattle plague, and the importation of live stock, and it would respectfully urge upon the Government the desirability of carrying out as early as possible the recommendations of that Committee.

1878

Resolved, that the Council is desirous to throw the Show open and to abolish the special restrictions, Rules No. 1 and 2, provided the stock of the country have a clean bill of health.

Resolved, that the same be rescinded, subject to the confirmation of a special Council to be held on October 1st.

N.B.—This eventually could not be carried out in consequence of the prevalence of disease.

In former years several different plans for adjudicating the Champion Plate were tried, among others—

1. When there were only 6 Judges for cattle, the whole adjudicated on the Champion Plate; this, however, was not satisfactory and more than once resulted in an umpire having to be called in.
2. The number of Judges was increased to 9, and the whole of these decided by a majority of votes. This, however, was not deemed satisfactory.
3. The 9 Judges selected 3 out of their own number to act, but this method was in its turn rejected, and last year the whole of the 9 again adjudicated.

Resolved, that there shall be 3 Judges for Champion Plate.

That the 3 Judges be selected by the Judges' Selection Committee out of those who act for cattle. The same principle be adopted in regard to sheep.

Resolved, that the ages of steers be altered from 3 years and 3 months, to not exceeding 3 years and 6 months.

That the classes of Devon, Hereford, Short-horn, and Sussex steers and oxen be altered to above 3 years and 6 months, and not exceeding 4 years and 6 months.

That the prizes for Sussex cattle be increased to the same amount as offered for the Devons, Herefords, and Short-horns.

That the prizes in all the lamb classes be further increased.

Resolved, that the word "Inclusive" should be added after the words, "The ages of all animals to be calculated up to the 1st of December."

Resolved, that for the future the fine for non-exhibition shall be £1 for each beast or each pen of sheep or pigs instead of 10s. as heretofore.

That a communication be made to the Agricultural Hall Company enquiring whether more accommodation for implements can be given, and that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Directors of the Company thereon.

Resolved, that the rule prohibiting animals exhibited at other shows, &c., cannot be rescinded this year.

1879 That the following addition be made to the rule requiring exhibitors to prove the correctness of their certificates—

"If the exhibitor or breeder should fail to do this by the 30th day of January next, after the show, the Stewards shall report the facts of the case to the next Council meeting, and the Council shall determine whether the exhibitor or breeder, or both, shall be allowed to exhibit in future at the Club's Show."

Also, the following addition be made to the rule in regard to protests.

"Any person or persons lodging a protest shall deposit the sum of £5 with the Secretary of the Club, and if on investigation the protest is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the sum thus deposited shall, at the discretion of the Council, be forfeited to the funds of the Club."

Resolved, that the special rules hitherto in force, preventing animals exhibited at other shows within a month previous to the Smithfield Club's Show shall not be in operation any longer.

A Committee was appointed to take evidence, consider, and report on the Prize Sheet generally, and especially as to the advisability of any alterations being made for the year 1880, prohibiting animals once shown being again exhibited, also for preventing aged animals competing for the Champion Plate, and of still further reducing the number of prizes for the older classes of animals.

Resolved, to alter the rule which exempts Scotch animals from having their ages certified so as not to apply to the Scotch-polled breed. The exemptions to be only for the Highland, Scotch, and the Welsh breeds.

Resolved, that the arrangements made for some years past with the proprietors of cattle conveyances be discontinued, thus leaving it to the exhibitors to make their own arrangements as to the conveyance of their animals to the yard.

That names of Judges who have acted the last two years be printed at foot of Judges' Nomination Form, which is sent to each member of Council.

Determined, to add the word "lambs" as well as sheep in the conditions for the Breed Cups and Champion Plate (sheep), thus admitting lambs to compete.

On the recommendation of the Special Prize Sheet Committee, very considerable alterations were made for 1880, in the conditions of the cattle classes in order to encourage early maturity (see Prize Sheet, given for 1880, in the appendix).

That in any class where at least 10 entries are exhibited, the Judges shall have the power, if there be special merit, to recommend to the Stewards that an additional prize be given to the amount of two-thirds of the last prize offered in that class.

Resolved, that the Champion Prize for sheep may be taken either in plate or money, or partly in the Club's gold medal and money.

That the old rule be reverted to, giving silver medals to the breeder of 1st prize animals in all the classes, instead of as now only in the case of the breeder, not being the exhibitor.

Resolved, that the gold medal of the Club be awarded to the breeder of the Champion Prize beast, also—

To the breeder of the Champion Prize pen of sheep.

Resolved, that a nomination form (similar to that used for recommending Judges), be sent to the members of Council, to enable each to suggest two names of members qualified to be elected to serve as Stewards of the Club.

The Agricultural Hall Company acquiesced in the Champion Prize being taken, 30 guineas in a large gold medal, and 70 guineas in money, or entirely in plate (as in past years) at the option of the winner.

Resolved, that all the pigs exhibited at the Smithfield Club's Shows shall have the state of their dentition examined by a competent authority previously to the Judges making their award. If the dentition shall indicate that the age of any of the pigs has been 1880

incorrectly returned in the certificate, the Stewards shall disqualify such pigs, and report the same to the Council.

Resolved, that the necessary portions of Professor Simonds' paper on dentition of pigs be reprinted in a cheap form, after having been revised by the Professor.

Resolved, that there be a class for Suffolk (black-faced) wethers.

Resolved, to abolish the classes for other breed of pigs, and to substitute fresh classes for pigs of a large white breed.

Resolved, that there be 3 additional Judges for sheep.

That in order to relieve the Stewards from the necessity of going at full length through the Club's accounts at the annual audit, a paid auditor shall be appointed to examine and certify the details preparatory to the Stewards auditing the final balance-sheet for each financial year.

That a paper similar to the one for nominating Stewards be sent previous to the November meeting, to each member of Council, to enable each to suggest the names of sixteen members of the Club eligible for election on Council.

The Honorary Secretary announced the death of the late Assistant-Secretary, Mr. Pullen. The Council passed the following resolution—

“ That the Honorary Secretary be requested to convey to the
 “ family of the late Mr. David Pullen, the sincere regret of the
 “ Council at the loss the family and the Smithfield Club have
 “ thus sustained by his death, and the desire of the Council
 “ to express its sympathy with the family in this bereavement.”

Mr. H. J. Hine, Secretary of the Shorthorn Society, appointed Assistant-Secretary to the Club on the same terms as the late Mr. Pullen.

The Club's letters to be now addressed to No. 12, Hanover Square, London, W.

The Honorary Secretary authorised to arrange as to the loan of the Club's troughs, etc., if application should be made for the use of them by any other society exhibiting in the Agricultural Hall.

That the annual report be in future printed at the end of the Prize Sheets sent to the members of the Club.

That the Council of the Smithfield Club is strongly of opinion that the opening of the two metropolitan cattle markets on the same day and at the same hour is highly injurious to both markets, and is the probable cause of foot and mouth disease, and other contagious cattle diseases being spread in the country ; and the Council therefore desires that the Deptford Market should be held upon another day, or at least that it should not be opened until 10 a.m., the time authorised by Act of Parliament.

A vote of thanks was passed to Professor Simonds for having revised the paper on the dentition of pigs, reprinted by the Club from the journal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Resolved, that in those cases where under the rule authorising a special award of an additional prize (of two-thirds of the last prize offered in the class) amounted to an uneven amount, it be increased to even pounds.

Resolved, that the word "mixed" be struck out in classes 31, 32 and 33, and Rule 36 adhered to. 1881

That the prizes for lambs be increased to £10, £7 and £5 in each class.

That Suffolk (black-faced) lambs compete in the class for Kentish, Cheviot, Ryeland, Dorset, etc., lambs.

The Stewards were empowered to give permission for Artists to paint animals at the Show up to one p.m., commencing on the Tuesday of the Show week.

Resolved, that the herdsmen, shepherds and servants, or some person in charge, remain with their live stock until the close of the Show, and that they be in attendance at their animal's heads at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. each day of the Show, unless absent under special permission of the Stewards.

Resolved, that the attention of the Veterinary Department be called to the necessity of having the Cattle Vans, used for the conveyance of animals to and from the Show, properly cleansed and disinfected, and that an Inspector be appointed, under Professor Brown, to examine and report upon the state of the vans.

A sub-committee appointed to ascertain the views of the exhibitors of pigs, upon the subject of the dentition of the pig.

The Hon. Secretary's proposal to continue his history of the Club from 1867 to the end of 1880, was agreed to.

A communication suggesting the employment of paid or professional herdsmen during the judging in lieu of the herdsmen connected with the animals competing for prizes was considered, and the Hon. Secretary requested to reply that the Council were not in favour of adopting the suggestion, which had been discussed on former occasions.

In November the Hall Committee presented a report upon a proposed enlargement of the Hall by the Agricultural Hall Company, with the view of providing increased accommodation for Implement Exhibitors at the Club's Show. The report was received and adopted, and the Committee were empowered to still further consider the proposals, and report finally thereon at the December meeting. At that meeting the report of the Hall Committee was received and adopted, recommending the Club to contribute £2000 towards the expense of enlarging the Hall, by which about 700 feet frontage standing room would be provided by throwing a wide archway into the Berners Hall (the large room over the Piggery hitherto used as a refreshment hall), and by the construction of a gallery connected with it and the main hall over the arcade or entrance to the building from the Islington End, such enlargement bringing in to the Club, in the shape of rent for stand space, the sum of £228 per annum, the Agricultural Hall Company agreeing to extend the present lease, which has fifteen years to run, to twenty years, in order that the Club might enjoy its investment for that period.

Communication received from the Corporation of London, officially announcing that, after earnest attention to the subject, the Corporation were enabled to meet the views of the Club as regards the hour of opening the Foreign Cattle market.

Resolved, that the bye-law fixing the Council meeting for the Tuesday preceeding the February Monthly Council meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, be amended by the addition of the words "or on the first Wednesday in February, as the Council may from time to time determine."

1882 His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., elected a member of the Club on the nomination of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, K.G., and the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., elected Vice-Presidents.

The President announced with regret the death of Lord Chesham, a Vice-President, and of Mr. Edward Little, a member of the Council.

A letter having been sent to the Exhibitors of pigs at the late Show on the dentition question, twenty-two replies were received offering various suggestions, a large proportion being strongly in favour of the dentition being continued as a safeguard against fraud. Two, however, suggested that Exhibitors should be allowed to prove their entries.

Resolved, that the following recommendations of the Special Committee on Dentition of the Pig be received and adopted:—

- (1) That the examination of the dentition be adhered to.
- (2) That the words "All pigs are exhibited subject to their dentition agreeing with the certified age (as per rule No. 22)" be printed conspicuously in the prize sheet at the commencement of the pig classes."
- (3) That a copy of Professor Simonds' pamphlet on dentition be sent free of cost to each exhibitor entering pigs for the show.
- (4) That the exact ages be entered on the certificate as heretofore, in order to give the younger animals in each class the advantage justly due to them in respect of early maturity—a matter of great importance, and which should always be taken into consideration by the judges, especially in cases where two or more pens closely approach each other in merit.

That the present rule making the dentition absolute be adhered to, the experience of past years having shown the very unsatisfactory evidence produced to the Stewards upon very many occasions in order to prove the correctness of ages.

That on the placards placed over the pens of disqualified animals, the wording be altered to "Disqualified, the state of the dentition not agreeing with the dentition test required by Rule 22 of the Club."

That Exhibitors be advised to have their pigs examined by a qualified veterinary surgeon before they leave home for the Show, and unless their dentition be in accordance with the recognised state for their respective ages, not to send them to the Show.

Resolved, that the attention of the veterinary inspector be directed to the desirability of paying a visit to the principal herds of pigs, with a view of testing the correctness of the theory of detention, and to report thereon.

Resolved, that the following Breed Cups for cattle should be offered at the ensuing Show:—Devons £30, Herefords £30, Shorthorns £30, Sussex £30, Norfolk and Suffolk Polled and Welsh £15, Scotch £30, and Cross-bred £30.

That the present class for Kentish, Suffolk, Cheviot, Ryeland, Dorset, etc., lambs be divided into four separate classes as follows:— Kentish with prizes £7 and £3, Suffolk with prizes £7 and £3, Dorset with prizes £7 and £3, Cheviot, Ryeland, etc., with prizes £7 and £3.

That the prizes for Cheviots, Mountain, Ryeland and Dorset etc., wethers, be altered to first prize £10 and second prize £5 in each class.

That a new division be established for "Pigs of any distinct or cross breed, not being of the breeds for which prizes are already offered (Small White, Large White, Black breed and Berkshires), such new division to have three classes, similar to the other divisions, with prizes of £7 and £3 in each class.

Resolved, that those exhibitors who bring their own troughs for their animals be allowed to use them in the place of those supplied by the Club.

The following addition was made to the rule on protests:—

That in case the Stewards decide that the protest is sustained, they shall have power to act immediately thereon, and shall report the result of the same to the Council at its next meeting.

New rules as follows were adopted:—

Stock exhibitors' servants who are leaving before the Show is over, must give up their admission tickets to the foreman of the yard.

The distribution of handbills is strictly prohibited, except from the exhibitors' stands, and in reference to exhibitor's own trade.

In consequence of the complaints of the exhibitors of Implements, authority was given to the Yard Committee to determine to what extent advertisements should be allowed to be placed or remain in the Hall during the time it was in possession of the Club.

Delegates were appointed by the Council, on the invitation of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, to co-operate with some of the principal Agricultural Societies in making a representation to the various railway companies with reference to the rates charged for the conveyance of live stock to and from agricultural shows. A deputation of about sixty representatives of various societies was received at the Clearing House, and some modifications in the railway charges were conceded.

Resolved, that the agreement with the Agricultural Hall Company for an extension of the lease to twenty years, commencing from the 1883 Show, be signed on behalf of the Club by the President (Mr. J. Walter, M.P.), Mr. Charles Howard, and Mr. W. Sanday, Trustees.

In consequence of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the County of Norfolk, the Hon. Secretary was requested to communicate with the Veterinary Department in reference to the approaching Show.

The attention of the Agricultural Hall Company was called to the importance of adopting a better system of ventilation and disinfection in the Piggery during the ensuing Show.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., graciously honoured the Club by accepting the office of President for the second time. 1883

Resolved, that exhibitors making two entries in any class pay as follows for the second entry :—Members, 5s. each ; Non-Members, 10s. each.

That the heading of the Norfolk and Suffolk Polled Cattle be altered to the Red Polled Breed.

That the age in the classes for Wether Sheep be altered from “one year old and under twenty-three months,” to “above twelve and under twenty-four months old.”

That the age in the classes for Lambs be altered from “born in the year 188—,” to “under twelve months old.”

That the prizes for Wether Sheep and Lambs in the Leicesters, Cotswolds, Lincolns, Southdowns, Hampshires, Shropshires and Oxfordshires be respectively £15, £10, £5, first, second and third prize in each class.

That the prizes for Kentish Wether Sheep, Ewes and Lambs be respectively £10 and £5, first and second prize in each class.

That the prizes for Suffolk (black-faced) Lambs be £10 and £5, first and second prizes.

That the prizes for Dorset Lambs and Cheviot, Ryeland, etc., Lambs be respectively £10 and £5, first and second prize in each class.

That the prizes for Cross-bred Sheep be respectively £15, £10 and £5, first, second and third prize in each class.

That the following classes for Pigs be abolished :—Small White Breed above twelve and not exceeding eighteen months old ; Large White Breed not exceeding nine months ; Distinct or Cross-breed not exceeding nine months old.

That a new division be established for Pigs of the Middle White breed, with classes for animals above nine and not exceeding twelve months old, and above twelve and not exceeding eighteen months old, and prizes £10 and £5, first and second in each class.

That new classes be established for Single Pigs, viz. :—Not exceeding one year old, first prize, £5 ; second prize, £3. Over one year old, first prize, £5 ; second prize, £3.

That a Breed Cup of the value of £8 be offered in each division of Pigs, and that a Champion Prize of £15 be offered for the best pen of Pigs in the Show.

That the prizes for Pigs of any Distinct or Cross-breed be increased to £10 and £5, first and second prize in each class.

That animals sent for exhibition must have been in possession of the exhibitors three months previous to the Show, instead of six as heretofore.

That the rule requiring Pigs under nine months old to be exhibited by the breeder, be abolished.

That with each entry of Pigs a certificate be required, signed by a qualified veterinary surgeon, upon a form supplied by the Club, testifying that the Pigs have been examined, and that “their dentition is in accordance with the recognised state for their respective ages.”

Resolved, that the Secretary each year request the two Senior Stewards to arrange with their four colleagues the days and time of their attendance at the Hall, and the division of their labours.

Also that a slip should be placed in the Prize Sheet for Members of the Club to nominate judges.

The Hon. Secretary reported the signing of the further agreement with the Agricultural Hall Company, and authority was given for a cheque to be drawn for £2,000, the sum agreed to be paid by the Club towards the cost of the alterations at the Hall.

In consequence of the rapid spread of foot-and-mouth disease throughout the country during the autumn, a special meeting of the Council was held to determine what steps should be taken to protect exhibitors and to prevent the ensuing Show being the means of spreading the disease, and the following special regulations were adopted:—

That no animal (cattle, sheep or pigs) exhibited at any other Show after the 1st November, 1883, be allowed to be exhibited at the Smithfield Club's Show this year. That each exhibitor be required to certify that any animal to be sent by him for exhibition at the Smithfield Club's Show this year has not been, and will not be, shown at any other exhibition after the 1st November, 1883.

The Implement Committee reported that the new gallery over the arcade entrance had been completed, and stands had been allotted to exhibitors for this year's Show.

Resolved, that the Assistant Secretary's salary be increased by fifty guineas, and that he be authorized to countersign the cheques drawn upon the Club's bankers.

One hundred and forty-nine members were elected during the year, being the largest number elected in any year since the formation of the Club.

Resolved, that the Welsh cattle follow the Red Polled in the prize sheet. 1884

That in the classes for lambs (Dorsets excepted) for the 1885 Show, the age be altered from "under 12 months old," to "born in the current year of the Show."

That the classes for all breeds of pigs, above 12 and not exceeding 18 months old, be abolished.

That the classes in each breed of pigs, viz., Small White, Middle White, Large White, Black Breed, Berkshires, and any Distinct or Cross breed be as follows:—(1) not exceeding nine months old, and (2) above nine and not exceeding twelve months old. It was further resolved to offer a third prize of £3 in each class for pigs (excepting the classes for single pigs), to increase the breed cups for pigs from £8 to £10 each; the Champion Plate from £15 to £20; and that each class be for pens of *two* pigs.

The following new rule was adopted:—The judges of pigs will be instructed, with the sanction of the stewards, to withhold prizes from any animals which shall appear to them to have been entered in the wrong class.

It was arranged that an official should be appointed to remain with the animals all night during the Show in case an animal should require to be slaughtered during the night.

In consequence of the illness of the Honorary Secretary, authority was given to any of the three trustees to sign the cheques, the Assistant Secretary to countersign the cheques as hitherto.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider and report, (1) on the designation in the prize sheet of the various breeds, (2) on the condition of the form of entry required from stock exhibitors, and (3) on the question of dentition of sheep, was adopted as follows:—

That the designation Scotch Highland breed and Scotch Polled breed be altered to Highland breed and Aberdeen or Angus and Galloway breed respectively, and that the words "Scotch cattle" be placed above these classes.

That no alteration be made in the designation of or conditions applying to the other breeds exhibited at the Club's Show excepting in the classes for Cross-bred cattle.

With a desire to obviate, if possible, the trouble so long experienced in connection with the eligibility or otherwise of animals in the Cross-bred classes, the Committee recommended "that no animal with more than three continuous crosses of the same blood shall be eligible for the Cross-bred classes."

That Professor Brown be invited to examine the cattle and sheep exhibited at the ensuing show as to the state of their dentition and report to the Council thereon, the Committee being of opinion that after the Professor's report has been received the Council will be better able to decide upon the desirability or otherwise of instituting an examination of the dentition of sheep exhibited at future shows.

A communication from the Bank of England, with reference to the conversion of the Club's reserve fund, invested in consols to $2\frac{3}{4}$ or $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. stock, was considered, and it was resolved to take no steps in the matter.

In consequence of the healthy state of the country, the restrictions on the movement of animals out of the metropolis, which had been in force for the past three shows, were removed, so that animals at this show were able to be moved out of the metropolis without a licence.

Sir B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, Hon. Secretary, absent from the Show through illness—the first time for 42 years. The President, at the request of the members, agreed to send on their behalf a letter of sympathy.

The Secretary was requested to write in the name of the Council a letter of condolence to the family expressive of the Council's deep regret at the death of Mr. Walter Farthing, a member of the Council and Steward of the Club, and who had always taken a deep interest and active part in the Club's proceedings.

1885 His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., elected President-elect, *i.e.* President for 1887.

Sir B. T. Brandreth Gibbs resigned, in consequence of ill health, the office of Honorary Secretary, a position which he had held for 42 years.

Resolved :

"That this Council receives with extreme regret the resignation of Sir Brandreth Gibbs, who has so ably filled the office of Honorary Secretary for the past 42 years, and begs that the Chairman will write such a letter to Sir Brandreth Gibbs as will express to him the feelings of the Council, their sense of his valuable services to the Club, and their great regret at the cause of his resignation."

Resolved, that Mr. Hine be requested to fulfil the duties of Secretary of the Club until the general meeting of members in December next.

Shortly after his resignation Sir Brandreth Gibbs died; it was thereupon resolved:—

"That the Council of the Smithfield Club, at this the first meeting held since the death of Sir Brandreth Gibbs, the Club's late Honorary Secretary, desire to express and place upon record their deep regret at the great loss the Club has sustained thereby. The Council gratefully acknowledge that the present position of

the Club is, to a very large extent, the result of his untiring energy and attention to its interests through a period of time close upon half a century, and they fully recognize his devoted and invaluable services to the Club for so many years. The Council also desire to express their deep sympathy and condolence with Lady Gibbs and the family in their irreparable loss."

Professor Brown's report upon the dentition of the cattle and sheep exhibited at the 1884 Show was considered, and it was resolved that the Professor be invited to make a similar examination at the forthcoming show, the Council being of opinion that after this further report, the desirability or otherwise of instituting permanently an examination of the dentition of cattle or sheep could be better determined.

Resolved, that a class be instituted for steers not exceeding two years old of the polled Aberdeen Angus or Galloway breed, with first prize £25, second £15, third £10.

That the two single pig classes be altered to three classes for single pigs of the White, Black, and Berkshire breeds respectively, with first prize £5, second £3 in each class.

That the Club's show be closed at 8 p.m. on the first day, and on the four remaining days at 9 p.m.

In reply to an application for a cup prize for a proposed exhibition of ensilage, the Secretary was directed to say that in the opinion of the Council the proposed prize for ensilage did not come within the objects of the Club, and the Council therefore regretted they could not accede to the request.

The special Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws in reference to any changes necessary as to the appointment and duties of a Secretary, recommended that the fundamental rules or bye-laws of the Club be amended as follows:—

That the Office of Honorary Secretary be abolished and that the appointment of a paid Secretary only shall be vested in the Council.

That at the end of the bye-law on page 10 relating to Life Compositions the following bye-law be added:—

"Should the annual subscriptions, with the income arising from such investments, in any one year be insufficient to meet the current annual expenses of the Club, the Council shall be empowered to apply, in or towards the payment of such annual expenses, such a number of life compositions, to be received by them in any such year as shall be equal to the number of life members of the Club dying in each year, and the excess in number of such life compositions over and above the number of life members so dying shall be invested as above directed, and the income applied accordingly."

At the Annual General Meeting of members the above bye-laws were adopted.

Mr. Henry John Hine, Assistant Secretary, appointed Secretary.

A suggestion at the Annual Meeting:—

"That any animal which has taken a first prize at the Smithfield Club Show shall not again be eligible for exhibition," was referred to the Council for consideration,

1886 Professor Brown's report on the dentition of the cattle and sheep exhibited at the late Show, was received.

Resolved, that the veterinary inspection, as to the age of cattle and sheep, be continued. That in case the veterinary inspector reports that the dentition of any animal is inconsistent with the age given in the form of entry, the stewards shall call upon the exhibitor to prove the correctness of his entry, and shall report thereon to the Council, and in the absence of a satisfactory explanation the animal shall be disqualified, and if a prize winner the prize shall go to the next in order of merit under rule 17.

Resolved, to adopt post entries for stock at double fees, such entries to be lodged with the Secretary not later than the 5th November, ordinary entries closing on 1st November.

Resolved, to omit the qualifying words "black-faced" in the designation of the Suffolk sheep in the prize sheet, on the recommendation of the Suffolk Sheep Society.

The suggestion made at the last annual meeting that any animal having taken a first prize at the Smithfield Club shall not again be eligible for exhibition at the Club's Show, was considered by the Council.

From a statement submitted to the Council, it appeared that during the past five years the number of cattle exhibited a second or third time was as follows :

	Number.	Percentage of total number of Cattle exhibited.	Number winning a 1st prize, at first or second time of exhibition.
Exhibited in 1880 .. }	13	About 5 per cent.	5
and again in 1881 .. }			
in 1881 .. }	28*	" 11 "	9
and again in 1882 .. }			
in 1882 .. }	19†	" 8½ "	6
and again in 1883 .. }			
in 1883 .. }	18‡	" 7 "	6
and again in 1884 .. }			
in 1884 .. }	19§	" 6½ "	7
and again in 1885 .. }			

* Two a third time. † Two a third time. ‡ One a third time.

§ Two a third time.

The animals winning a first prize enumerated above were to a large extent in the classes for steers under two years old, and the Council were of opinion that the adoption of the proposed rule would be very detrimental to the entry in these classes.

Resolved, that no animal shall be shown more than twice at the Shows of the Smithfield Club.

That a portable platform be provided to enable the sheep and pigs to be unloaded and loaded with greater ease and safety.

That on the days of public exhibition the Show should open at 9 a.m., instead of 8 a.m. as heretofore.

Resolved, to pay £20 per annum for use of rooms for the Club's office work.

A Committee appointed in February to consider and report to the Council upon the practicability of instituting a class or classes for animals entered for slaughter, the prizes being awarded to the best carcases, reported at the November meeting, and suggested the offer of prizes in two classes at the 1887 show, viz.:

Class 1.—For the best carcase of beef from a Steer not exceeding three years old. First prize, £25; second, 15; third, £10; fourth, £5.

Class 2.—For the best carcase of beef from a Heifer not exceeding three years old. First, £25; second, £15; third, £10; fourth, £5.

Resolved, that the report be printed, circulated amongst the Council, and considered at the meeting of the Council in February next.

Resolved, that the printed list of members issued in the Prize Sheet be arranged in alphabetical order.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., President.

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Mr. Joseph Druce resigned, through ill health, his position as Steward of Implements.

Resolved, "that the members of this Council desire to express their thanks to Mr. Joseph Druce for his many years' service as Steward of Implements, and their regret that owing to illness he is compelled to resign that position."

Resolved, that in consequence of the present state of the Club's funds the consideration of the report of the Carcase Committee be deferred.

Resolved, that the prizes offered for lambs, be for lambs under twelve months old.

That a class be instituted for Suffolk ewes above three years old, with prizes of £10 first and £5 second.

That there be one class for fat wether sheep of any white-faced, black-faced, or speckled-faced mountain breed of any age, with prizes of £10 first and £5 second, instead of two classes as at present; that Dorset, Cheviot, Ryeland, &c., lambs compete together in one class, with prizes of £10 first and £5 second.

That the breed cups for Devons, Herefords, Shorthorns, Sussex, Scotch, and Cross-bred cattle be of the value of £25; and the breed cups for Leicester, Cotswold, Lincoln, Southdowns, Hampshire, Suffolks, Shropshire, and Cross-bred sheep of the value of £15; and that a cup of the value of £15 be offered for the best pen of Cheviots, &c., Kentish, or Romney Marsh, Ryeland, Dorset, &c., sheep, instead of the three £10 cups, as at present; and that the silver medals awarded to breeders be done away with.

That the time for the removal of animals on the Friday night of the Show be altered to 9.30 p.m.; and that any animal, whether going by train or not, might be removed at that hour.

The attention of the Council having been called to the disastrous consequence of the spread of swine fever and pleuro-pneumonia, and the management of the dairies in the Metropolis, Edinburgh, and Dublin, and the necessity of making a strong representation to the Privy Council for the effectual stamping out of the disease, it was resolved—

"That in the opinion of this Council the time has arrived when the powers of the Privy Council for stamping out pleuro-pneumonia, as well as swine fever, in the United Kingdom of

Great Britain and Ireland, should be exercised, and the Local Authorities urged to enforce the provisions of the Act of 1878 as amended in 1886."

A copy was ordered to be sent to the Privy Council.

Resolved, that the live weights of cattle and sheep be published in the first edition of the Catalogue issued on the opening day of the Show.

Resolved, that the placards used by salesmen and purchasers of animals at the Show be not more than fourteen inches square, and in the case of sheep and pigs printed on one side only.

In consequence of the very formal acknowledgement received from the Privy Council in answer to the Club's resolution on pleuro-pneumonia and swine fever, passed by the Council in February, it was resolved—

"That the Council of the Smithfield Club, having considered the reply from the Veterinary Department of the Privy Council to the resolution passed in February last, express the opinion that the powers conferred upon the Department by the Acts in force for stamping out pleuro-pneumonia and swine fever should be rigorously exercised by the Department, and not left to the discretion of the local authorities."

At a subsequent meeting it was resolved—

"That a deputation, consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, members of Council, and any other members of the Club, be appointed to wait upon the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (on behalf of the Lord President of the Privy Council) to represent to him the urgent necessity for adopting measures for speedily stamping out pleuro-pneumonia and swine-fever throughout Great Britain, and urging him to impress upon the Privy Council of Ireland that it is all-important that similar measures be simultaneously enforced in Ireland."

The deputation was received on the Friday of the Show week by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, on behalf of the Lord President of the Council.

A memorial having been received from the Agricultural Engineers Association, asking for a reduction of the charges for Implement space and for an interview with the Council thereon, a special Committee was appointed to receive the deputation, and report to the Council. The Committee submitted a report to the Council of the interview, together with the following resolution :—

"That for the reasons stated by the Chairman to the deputation, your Committee cannot recommend the Council to make any reductions in the charge for space for implements and machinery at the Smithfield Club's Shows."

The report and resolution of the Committee was adopted by the Council.

Leave of absence granted to Mr. H. J. Hine, the Secretary, owing to ill health.

Resolved—

"That the Council have, with great regret, received from Mr. Sanday his resignation as a Trustee, and desire to express their obligations to him for his valuable services to the Club."

Mr. H. J. Hine, Secretary of the Club, died.

Resolved—

“That a vote of condolence be passed by the Council and conveyed to Mrs. Hine on the much lamented death of Mr. Hine, and that in recognition of his valuable services to the Club, a sum amounting to half their late Secretary's yearly salary be granted to Mrs. Hine.”

Resolved, that Mr. E. J. Powell be elected Secretary of the Club, on the usual conditions.

A Committee of three members appointed to consider the list of members whose subscriptions were in arrear.

Resolved, that there be two classes for Welsh Steers—viz., steers under three years old, first prize, £15; second, £10; and steers or oxen over three years old, first prize, £15; second, £10.

That the prizes for Highland Steers be as follows:—first prize, £15; second, £10; and that the prizes for Highland Heifers be also—first, £15; second, £10.

That Class 64, for Cheviot Sheep, be abolished; but that Cheviot Sheep be allowed to compete in the same class with Mountain Sheep.

That two classes be instituted for “Devon or other pure Long-woolled sheep not qualified to compete in any of the foregoing classes”—viz., for lambs under twelve months old—prizes £10 and £5; and wethers above twelve and under twenty-four months—prizes £10 and £5.

That two classes be instituted for Tamworth pigs, viz.:—Pen of two pigs not exceeding nine months old, prizes £10 and £5, and pen of two pigs above nine and not exceeding twelve months, prizes £10 and £5.

That the ages in the three Single Pig classes be altered from “any age” to “not exceeding twelve months old,” and that a champion prize of £5 be offered for the best single pig in these classes.

That the size of the pens for large breeds of sheep be increased.

That an alteration be made in the printing of the prize sheet.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHOW, 1889.

The Stock Prize Committee submitted for consideration at the November meeting the following recommendations for the Show in 1889:—

That the cattle classes (except Highland and Welsh) be rearranged with the view of reducing the old class for steers and age of heifers, and that classes 35 and 36 be abolished; and further, that a communication, suggesting the institution of a class for small breeds of cattle, be considered at the same time.

Resolved, that the following report of the special Committee appointed to consider the recommendations of the Stock Prize Sheet Committee, for the 1889 show be adopted.

That no alteration be made in the age of the old Steer class.

That class 36, for Steers not eligible to compete in any of the foregoing classes, be abolished, and that the conditions for class 37 be amended to read, Heifer or Cow not exceeding five years old.

That in the classes for cows of the Devon, Hereford, Shorthorn, and Sussex breeds, the prizes be £15 first and £10 second.

That two classes be instituted for Kerry, Dexter, or any other small breed not qualified to compete in any of the foregoing classes—viz., Steers of any age, first prize, £10; second £5, and Heifer or Cow—first prize, £10; second, £5.

That the question of the formation of separate classes for Galloway cattle, and a memorial from breeders of Aberdeen-Angus cattle as to the formation of classes for heifers under three years old, appointment of judges, &c., be considered at the February meeting.

The Council were glad to report (1) that several of the principal railway companies had provided special trucks for the conveyance of cattle, sheep, and pigs, &c., by passenger trains and at special rates, with the usual concessions for animals travelling to or from shows, and (2) that early in the present year an order was issued by the Privy Council directing the slaughter in Great Britain of animals in contact with animals affected with pleuro-pneumonia, with compensation for animals so slaughtered out of the local rates, and that the Irish Privy Council had adopted similar measures.

It having been reported that the Dutch Government were endeavouring to obtain the free admission into this country of Dutch Cattle, it was resolved—

“That the Council and members of the Smithfield Club have heard with grave apprehension that application has been made by the authorities of the Dutch Government to admit the free importation of animals from Holland. It is reported that pleuro-pneumonia has recently broken out in that country, and that Germany has refused to admit animals from Holland. The Council learn that the matter is under the consideration of the Government, and trust that, if these reports should be confirmed, the application from Holland will be at once refused. They are further induced to call the attention of the Government to this matter, in consequence of the highly satisfactory results of the prohibitory measures which have been so recently and wisely adopted.”

A copy of the resolution was sent to the Lord President of the Privy Council.

1889 The President reported the death of Mr. James Howard, who had been a member of the Council since 1867, and it was resolved that a vote of condolence and sympathy be passed by the Council and sent to Mr. Howard's family.

Resolved, that in future the printed weights of the animals be divided into classes, similar to the system adopted in the list of awards of prizes.

That all animals shall have their numbers affixed on admission to the Hall, and in cases where animals are numbered incorrectly for weighing or placing in position, the exhibitor be fined £1 in each case. The above rule to be printed on the labels, and no exhibitor to be allowed to compete in future until such fine has been paid.

The servants to be in attendance upon their animals at ten a.m. on the Friday and Saturday previous to the opening of the Show, to have their animals weighed.

That Rule 21, page 18 in Prize-Sheet, be altered as follows—“All cattle and sheep exhibited at the Smithfield Club Show, shall have the state of their dentition examined by the veterinary inspectors previous to the judges making their awards. If the dentition is inconsistent with the age as given in the form of entry, the stewards shall disqualify such animals and report to the Council.”

The following is the state of dentition in cattle, sheep and pigs, which will be considered as indicating that they exceed the ages specified below :

Cattle having their central permanent incisors cut, will be considered as exceeding one year and six months.

Cattle having their central permanent incisors fully up, will be considered as exceeding one year and nine months.

Cattle having their second pair of permanent incisors fully up, will be considered as exceeding two years and three months.

Cattle having their third pair of permanent incisors cut, will be considered as exceeding two years and eight months.

Cattle having their fourth pair (corner) permanent incisors fully up, and their anterior molars showing signs of wear, will be considered as exceeding three years.

Sheep having their central permanent incisors cut, will be considered as exceeding ten months.

Sheep having their central permanent incisors fully up, will be considered as exceeding twelve months.

Sheep having their third pair of permanent incisors cut, will be considered as exceeding nineteen months.

Sheep having their third pair of permanent incisors fully up, and the temporary molars shed, will be considered as exceeding twenty-four months old.

Sheep having their corner permanent incisors well up, and showing marks of wear, will be considered as exceeding three years.

Pigs having their corner permanent incisors cut, will be considered as exceeding six months.

Pigs having their permanent tusks more than half up, will be considered as exceeding nine months.

Pigs having their central permanent incisors up, and any of the first three permanent molars cut, will be considered as exceeding twelve months.

Pigs having their lateral temporary incisors shed, and the permanents appearing, will be considered as exceeding fifteen months.

Pigs having their lateral permanent incisors fully up, will be considered as exceeding eighteen months.

That the Aberdeen-Angus and Galloway cattle be placed before the Welsh and Highland breeds in the prize-sheet.

That in Class 37, the words, "which has never been exhibited at any Fat Stock Show during the previous year," be expunged.

That the nine judges in the first three divisions of sheep, award the champion plate for the best pen of sheep.

An application by the Galloway Cattle Society for separate classes for Galloway Cattle was referred to the Stock Prize Sheet Committee.

That for the Show in 1890, class 25, "Welsh Steer or Ox above three years old" should read, "above three years and not exceeding four years old."

In consequence of the endeavours in certain quarters to induce the Government to relax its efforts in suppressing imported cattle disease, the following resolution was passed :—

"To the Right Honourable Henry Chaplin, Minister of Agriculture.

The Council of the Smithfield Club view with satisfaction your appointment as Minister of Agriculture, conversant as you are with the losses the nation has sustained in the flocks and herds of the United Kingdom from the ravages of contagious diseases,

foreign in their origin, and they express a hope that the flocks and herds of the nation may be guarded with the utmost vigilance against their reintroduction.

The Council are also of opinion that the time has come for the Central Government to assume the direct and effective control of the uniform arrangements necessary for the eradication of the contagious disease of pleuro-pneumonia, and to relieve the ratepayers from the charges imposed for compensation in case of slaughter, such outlay being incurred as much for the benefit of the consumers as the producers of this country."

1890 His Royal Highness Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, K.G., elected a Vice-President.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, adopted by the Council in February 1889, Class 29, Welsh steers or oxen above three years old, be for steers or oxen above three and not exceeding four years old.

That a class be instituted for Welsh heifer or cow (heifers not having had a live calf not to exceed four years old; cows above four years old, must have had at least one live calf), with prizes £10 and £5.

That the prizes for Highland cattle be altered as follows:—Highland steer or ox, of any age: first prize, £20; second prize, £10, and third, £5. Heifer or cow, &c.: first prize, £10; second, £5.

That the extra stock class for steers not exceeding four years old not qualified to compete in any of the foregoing classes be reinstated, with prizes—first, £10; second, £5; and that the prizes in the extra stock class for heifer or cow not exceeding five years old not qualified to compete in any of the foregoing classes be—first prize, £10; second, £5. The animals in these two classes not to be allowed to compete for any of the cups.

That the champion prize for sheep be divided—£30 for best pen of Short-woolled Sheep—viz., Southdowns, Hampshires, Suffolks, Shropshires, Oxfordshires, and Cross-breds; and £20 for best pen of Long-woolled sheep—viz.: Leicesters, Cotswolds, Lincolns, Kentish or Romney Marsh, Devon, Cheviot, Mountain, Dorset, &c., with gold medals to the breeders in each case.

That all sheep, except lambs, shall be shorn the year of exhibition.

That Rule 21, dentition of cattle and sheep, be altered as follows:—

"In cases where the veterinary inspectors report that the state of dentition of any animal is not in accordance with the certificate of age, the stewards shall call upon the exhibitor to prove the correctness of his certificate before any disqualification of the entry takes place, and shall report thereon to the Council; and in the absence of satisfactory proof the animal or pen of animals shall be disqualified, and if a prize-winner the prize shall go to the next in order of merit under rule 17."

Attention having been drawn to the exorbitant charges made by carmen for conveying animals to and from the Club's show, the stewards and secretary were requested to obtain if possible reduced rates for this service, and appoint carriers to the Club.

As a result of this suggestion reduced rates were obtained and carriers appointed.

The following suggestion was referred to the Council for consideration by the Stock Prize Sheet Committee:—"Whether the time had not arrived for the Club to make a further restriction as to the ages of animals exhibited at the Smithfield Club's Show in 1891 and future years, and with this view, is it desirable to get the opinions of members, by sending a circular to them, and to appoint a Committee to consider their replies, and report at the November meeting?"

The suggestion was adopted and a Committee appointed.

The Committee having considered the replies from the members to the circular submitting the above suggestion to them, and the whole question of the ages of the animals exhibited at the Club's shows at present, with various resolutions and amendments thereon, recommended:—

That the prize sheet remain as at present, with this exception, that the heifer and cow classes (excepting Class 40, Extra Stock) be altered as follows:—

Heifers not to exceed three years old.

Cows, which must have had at least one live calf, to be above three, and not exceeding six years old.

This report was adopted.

A suggestion from the Committee, that in future no heifer or cow should be allowed to be exhibited in calf, was referred to the Stock Prize Sheet Committee for consideration in February next.

The President, with Mr. Clare Sewell Read and Mr. T. Duckham, attended by request of the Council as a deputation to the President of the Board of Agriculture, on the question of the control of outbreaks of pleuro-pneumonia, with compensation in cases of slaughter from the National exchequer.

At the December meeting it was announced that the Government had acceded to the request of the deputation and assumed the control of outbreaks of pleuro-pneumonia, awarding compensation in cases of slaughter out of the National exchequer.

The President announced the deaths of Mr. Robert Leeds, Vice-President, and Mr. Joseph Druce, Trustee, and it was resolved:—

"That letters signed by the President, expressive of the great loss sustained by the Club by the death of Mr. Robert Leeds and Mr. Joseph Druce, and of the Council's condolence and sympathy in their sad bereavement, be sent to the families of the late Vice-President and Trustee."

At the annual general meeting of the members it was resolved:—

"That the Council of the Club be invited to give their consideration to the question of the disqualification of pigs under the dentition test with a view to such alteration in the rules as may be expedient and necessary in the interest of justice to exhibitors."

The President announced the deaths of the Duke of Bedford, K.G., 1891 and the Earl of Powis, Vice-Presidents, and of Mr. Edmund Beck and Mr. Henry Overman, members of the Council, and it was resolved:—

"That letters of condolence and sympathy from the Council be sent to the families of their late Vice-Presidents, and Mr. Beck and Mr. Overman."

Resolved, that separate classes be established for Galloway cattle, as follows:—Steer not exceeding three years old: first prize, £15, second, £10; Heifer or cow, heifer not exceeding three years old, and not having had a live calf, cows above three years and not exceeding six years old, and which must have had at least one live calf: first prize, £15, second, £10.

That the Kerry and Dexter classes be confined to these breeds only, and that the ages be altered to steers under three years old, and heifers under three years old.

That a class be instituted for cattle not exceeding 11 cwt., live weight, not qualified to compete in any of the foregoing classes—viz.: Steer or Heifer above two and not exceeding three years old; first prize, £10; second, £5.

That the report of the Special Committee of November last be amended in so far that the age of the Highland heifers and cows be allowed to stand as in last prize sheet—viz., Heifers, not having had a live calf, not to exceed four years old; cows above four years old, and which must have had at least one live calf.

That the Middle White and Large White pigs compete together, and not have separate classes as at present.

The Stock Prize Sheet Committee having considered the resolution passed at the last general meeting of members on the question of the dentition test for pigs, recommended that part 1 of the dentition Rule 22—viz., (i) With each entry of pigs a certificate shall be required, signed by a qualified veterinary surgeon, upon a form supplied by the Club, testifying that the pigs have been examined, and that “their dentition is in accordance with the recognised state for their respective ages”—be abolished, but that the Committee could not, at present, see their way to recommend any alteration of the second part of Rule 22 as to disqualification at the show.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Implement Committee, “That a sum of £200 be granted to the Royal Agricultural Hall Company towards the expense of enlarging the galleries, subject to such enlargement being carried out to the satisfaction of the Implement Committee.”

The Committee appointed to consider the request of the Royal Agricultural Hall Company for permission to place advertisements in the Hall during the Club's Show reported that they could not see their way to accede to the request of the Company.

It having come to the knowledge of the Council that efforts were being made to induce the Government to relax the existing measures for stamping out pleuro-pneumonia, the following resolution was passed:—

“To the Right Hon. the Minister of Agriculture.

“The Council of the Smithfield Club view with great satisfaction the regulations adopted for stamping out pleuro-pneumonia in the United Kingdom, and they most earnestly hope that the present regulations for guarding the flocks and herds of the nation from the importation of contagious or infectious diseases be continued until it is satisfactorily shown that all risk of the importation of such diseases has ceased to exist.”

The present Show of the Club being held in a scheduled district under the Pleuro-pneumonia Act of 1891, animals coming into the district can only be allowed out again for slaughter within four days with a licence of the local authority of the district to which the animal is to be taken, unless under Regulation C of the Act a licence of the Board of Agriculture could be obtained, for the removal of cattle out of the district not for slaughter.

Resolved—

“That no cattle from the scheduled districts of London and Edinburgh shall be admitted to the Show.

That it be a condition of entry—That cattle be moved in conveyances only, direct from the railway termini to the Club's Show, and shall return from the show in a similar manner, unless removed for slaughter within the metropolitan scheduled district.”

The Board of Agriculture were then approached on the question whether, with these conditions, permission could be given under Regulation C for the return home of the young cattle exhibited, for further feeding. The Board were, however, unable to grant this permission, but they readily acceded to the further request for an extension of the time for slaughter, after leaving the district, from four days as mentioned in the Act to eight days.

It was resolved to inform exhibitors at once of these regulations, and to give them the option of withdrawing the entry of any cattle they might wish to retain for further feeding, and to return the entry fees paid thereon. Forty-three head of cattle were withdrawn under this permission.

The death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale aroused throughout the land feelings of the deepest sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Council felt that they were but echoing the sentiments of every member in passing the following resolution, which was graciously received by Her Majesty and the Prince and Princess of Wales :—

“That the Council of the Smithfield Club desires to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess May of Teck, and the rest of the Royal Family, its heart-felt sympathy and condolence in the great blow which has befallen them and the country in the lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.”

Resolved, that the prizes in the Cow classes 5, 10, 15 and 20 be £15, £10 and £5, instead of £15 and £10 as at present, and that the age be not restricted to six years.

That class 28, Galloway breed, be for steers not exceeding four years old, instead of three years old.

That the prizes in class 34, Highland heifer, be increased to £15, £10 and £5.

That the prizes in the Extra Stock classes 42 and 43 be increased to £15, £10 and £5 in each class.

That instead of the £15 cup for Red Polled and Welsh, three cups, value £10 each, be offered as follows :—£10 cup best Red Polled, £10 cup best Welsh, and £10 cup best Kerry or small breed.

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That three breed cups be offered as under :—£10 cup for Kentish or Romney Marsh, £10 cup for Suffolk and Dorset, and £10 cup for Cheviot and Mountain, instead of the £15 cup now given for these breeds of sheep collectively.

That Tamworths have the same class prizes, &c., as the other breeds of pigs, viz., £10, £5 and £3 in each class, and £10 breed cup.

That for the purposes of judging, the cattle be divided into four divisions, with two judges in each division, to award prizes and breed cups. Two other judges to award the £50 cups and champion plate (umpires previously selected for each division and for champion awards) the divisions being as under :—(1) Devons, Sussex, and Red Polled; (2) Herefords, Welsh, Kerry, and small cattle; (3) Short-horns, Cross-breeds, and extra classes; (4) Aberdeen-Angus, West Highland and Galloway.

That the sheep classes be divided into six divisions, viz., Division 1, Leicesters and Lincolns; 2, Cotswolds, Kentish or Romney Marsh, and Devon or other pure Long-woolled breeds; 3, Southdowns and Shropshires; 4, Hampshires, Suffolks and Dorsets; 5, Oxfordshires and Cross-breeds; 6, Cheviots and Mountain breeds; and that there be two judges in each division (with umpires), one judge from each of the three Long-woolled divisions to judge champion Longwools, and one judge from each of the three Short-woolled divisions to judge champion Shortwools. Dorsets to compete for champion with Shortwools.

That the Pig classes be divided into two divisions, Whites and Blacks (Cross-breeds to be judged in the "White" division), and that there be two judges in each division (with umpire). One judge from each division to decide the champion prize (with umpire).

The Stock Prize Sheet Committee was requested to consider at their meeting in February, 1893, the practicability of instituting a block test at the shows of the Club.

As the result of an interview of the Managing Director of the Royal Agricultural Hall Company with the Council, it was resolved that the requirements of the London County Council be complied with.

The attention of the Council was called to the existence of swine fever in this country, and the action of local authorities for its suppression. It was felt that the diversity of action of local authorities did not conduce to the eradication of this disease, and the Council therefore passed the following resolution, a copy of which was sent to the Minister of Agriculture :—

"The Council of the Smithfield Club beg to convey to the Right Hon. the President of the Board of Agriculture their unanimous concurrence with the sentiments conveyed to him by the deputation of the members of the Farmers' Club and Central and Associated Chambers of Agriculture, praying that similar measures to those adopted for stamping out pleuro-pneumonia in the United Kingdom may be adopted for stamping out swine fever."

At the Annual General Meeting the following resolutions were passed :—

"To the Right Hon. the Minister of Agriculture.

- (1) "In February last the Council of the Smithfield Club forwarded a resolution to the late Minister of Agriculture, praying 'that similar measures be adopted for stamping out swine fever as those enforced for stamping out pleuro-pneumonia.' The success of those measures with regard to pleuro-pneumonia are so apparent that the members of the Smithfield Club earnestly pray that they may now be extended to swine fever."

- (2) "That in the interest of the producers and consumers of meat in the United Kingdom, it is essential, as a safeguard against the introduction of foreign contagious diseases with animals, that all cattle, sheep, or swine imported into the United Kingdom from foreign countries, be slaughtered at the port of debarkation, except in special cases, when they may be admitted under such conditions as the Board of Agriculture may from time to time consider necessary."

A deputation from the Club, with deputations from other Societies, waited upon the Minister of Agriculture to urge the necessity of the prevention of the importation of disease by putting in force at once the Act of 1878 as regards Canadian cattle. As a result of the deputation the importation of cattle from Canada, excepting for slaughter at the port of debarkation, was stopped.

In consequence of a notice issued by the Railway Companies, that on and after January 1st a charge would be made for the conveyance of men travelling with live stock, a communication was addressed to the Secretary of the Railway Clearing House asking if the proposed action of the Railway Companies would affect the present conditions for stock and attendants travelling to and from shows, and that if it did, that the Railway Companies would receive a deputation on the subject.

His Royal Highness Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, K.G., President, announced that Her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to offer a Challenge Cup of the value of £150 for cattle to be competed for annually at the Club's Shows. 1893

Resolved, that the thanks of the members be conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen for the gracious gift of a Challenge Cup to the Club.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York, K.G., was elected a member and Vice-President of the Club, and exhibited at the Club's Show for the first time.

Mr. John Giblett, a member of the Council, and with one exception the oldest member of the Club, died. It was mainly owing to Mr. Giblett's energy and enterprise that the Agricultural Hall was erected. A vote of condolence and sympathy with his family was unanimously passed by the Council.

Resolved, that in view of the large proportion of purely breeding animals exhibited in the classes for heifers under three years old, the prizes in these classes be withheld until such animals are certified to have been slaughtered within a month after the show.

That a class be instituted for Galloway Steers not exceeding 3-years old, with prizes of £15 and £10.

Also that there be a class for wether sheep above twelve and under twenty-four months old, first cross from Cheviot, Scotch, and Mountain breeds; first prize, £10; second, £5.

That the sheep Classes 75, 76, 77, and 78 be rearranged and altered, as follows:—

Cheviot and Mountain breeds:—Pen of three fat wether sheep of any age: first prize, £10; second prize, £5. Pen of three fat ewes above three years old; first prize, £10; second prize, £5; and that these classes follow the Devon Long-wools in the prize sheet.

Dorset or any other pure Short-woolled breed not specified in any of the foregoing classes:—Pen of three fat wether sheep above twelve and under twenty-four months old; first prize, £10; second prize, £5.

Pen of three fat ewes above three years old : first prize, £10 ; second prize, £5. Pen of three fat wether lambs under twelve months old : first prize, £10 ; second prize, £5 ; and that these classes follow the Oxfordshires in the prize sheet.

That in the "Instructions to the Stewards" the words "breed or" be inserted in clause 3, before the word "age."

Resolved—

"That in view of the efforts now being made in Scotland for the opening of the ports to admit foreign cattle into the United Kingdom, the Smithfield Club begs respectfully to represent to the Minister of Agriculture the necessity of continuing the present restrictions."

That the question of the practicability of instituting a "block test" at the shows of the Club had been carefully considered by the Stock Prize Sheet Committee to whom it had been referred, but as there were many difficulties in the way of its adoption, the Committee recommended the appointment of a sub-committee, consisting of the Trustees and Stewards, with the two retiring Stewards, to confer with the Directors of the Royal Agricultural Hall Company as to what facilities could be given to the Club to carry out such test.

The Sub-Committee reported that they had been in correspondence with and had conferred with the Managing Director of the Royal Agricultural Hall Company as to the possibility of carrying out the block test, and found that the difficulties in the way of slaughtering the animals on the Company's premises were insuperable, and that if it had to be carried out, the animals would have to be killed at some slaughter-house away from the show.

In reply to an offer by the Galloway Cattle Society of a breed cup, value £10, for Galloway Cattle, the Secretary was instructed to convey to that Society the thanks of the Council for their kind offer, and to say that the Council were desirous of adhering to their rule and practice of offering prizes from the Club's funds only.

A deputation from the Club (with deputations from the Royal Agricultural and other Societies) waited upon the railway managers with reference to the proposed abolition of the privilege of free conveyance of men travelling with live stock to and from Shows. The deputation was assured that the privilege would not be withdrawn.

1894 John Walter, Esq., a Vice-President of the Club since 1879, and a successful Exhibitor at its Shows, died. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed.

Resolved, that the following conditions, which had been approved by Her Majesty the Queen, be adopted for the competition for the challenge cup graciously offered by Her Majesty:—

That the "Queen's Challenge Cup" be awarded to the best beast in the show bred by the exhibitor, and be won two years in succession or three years at intervals, and that the holder of the cup give security to the Club for its production before each show.

That a gold medal be added by the Club as a reward to the holder, but not final winner of the cup.

Resolved, that the Sussex heifers and cows be shown together in one class, and not separately, as at present.

That two breed cups of the value of £10 each be given to the best Galloway and best West Highland beast.

That separate classes be instituted for Cheviot and Mountain sheep as follows :—

CHEVIOTS.		1st prize.	2nd prize.
Pen of three fat wether sheep of any age ...		£10	£5
Pen of three fat ewes, above three years old...		£10	£5
MOUNTAIN.			
Pen of three fat wether sheep, of any age ...		£10	£5
Pen of three fat ewes, above three years old...		£10	£5

That a gold medal be awarded to the breeder of the champion pen of two pigs in the Show.

That the judges be required to agree to a condition that they will not act in the capacity of judge at either Norwich or Birmingham.

That the suggestion of the London Butchers' Trade Society for the establishment of a block test at the Club's Show, and offering a prize for the best carcase, had been carefully considered by the Stock Prize Sheet Committee, who, whilst thanking that Society for the offer of a prize, were, however, unable to recommend the adoption of a block test at the Shows of the Club.

The Council, however, proposed to reconsider the matter when the new buildings contemplated were erected.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Royal Agricultural Hall Company on the question of increased accommodation for pigs at the Club's Show, reported that they had considered and approved the plans which had been submitted to them by the Royal Agricultural Hall Company for a new building adjoining the great hall, and which would accommodate the pigs and overflow of sheep entries at the Club's Show.

The scheme was adopted, and as the carrying out of the same would entail a large outlay by the Royal Agricultural Hall Company, the Club agreed to contribute the sum of £1,500 towards the cost of the building.

The Club was represented in a deputation to urge upon the President of the Board of Agriculture that the time had come when the introduction of live animals into this country from abroad should be, except under very special conditions, only permitted subject to the invariable rule of slaughter at the port of debarkation.

Permission was given to the Royal Agricultural Hall Company to have an opening to the annexe for an exhibition of dead poultry, during the Club's Show.

Owing to the prevalence of Swine Fever in the country, the Council, acting on the advice of the authorities, and considering the action which the Club had taken at previous meetings in urging the authorities to undertake the suppression of this disease, and the serious position in which the Club and exhibitors would be placed in the event of an outbreak of disease in the Hall during the Show—Resolved, whilst sympathising with the exhibitors in their disappointment and loss, that it would not be prudent to hold an exhibition of pigs this year ; and notice to this effect was sent to Exhibitors in October.

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Essex, South Cambs., and Kent, necessitated the imposition by the Board of Agriculture of restrictions on the movement of animals in those and neighbouring counties, and, in consequence, several animals entered for the Show were unable to be sent,

Mr. T. Duckham having resigned his position as Trustee, the members passed the following resolution :—

“ That the members of the Smithfield Club hear with great regret of the resignation of Mr. Thomas Duckham, one of its Trustees, and desire to express their appreciation of the valuable services which he has rendered during his long connection with the Club, as a member of the Council, Steward, and a Trustee, and their sympathy with him in the cause of his retirement.”

1895 The Marquis of Exeter, Vice-President since 1868, and Mr. Charles Howard, Senior Trustee, died. Mr. Howard had been a member of the Club since 1852, and of the Council, of which he had been one of the most active and influential members, for upwards of thirty years, and Trustee since 1875. Votes of condolence and sympathy were passed.

Resolved, that the Steer classes for Galloway cattle be altered as follows :—

Steer, not exceeding two years old.

Steer, above two years old and not exceeding four years old.

That the Kerry and Dexter classes be altered as follows :—

Kerry.—Steer, not exceeding three years old, with prizes £10 and £5.

Heifer or Cow : Heifers, not having had a live calf, not to exceed three years old ; Cows, above three years old, and which must have had at least one live calf, with prizes £10 and £5.

Dexter.—Steer, not exceeding three years old, with prizes £10 and £5.

Heifer or Cow : Heifers, not having had a live calf, not to exceed three years old ; Cows, above three years old, and which must have had at least one live calf, with prizes £10 and £5.

That, for judging, the Herefords and Sussex form one division, and that in the Cross-bred classes the judges be informed of the nature of the cross, and that the rule precluding animals which have once won the breed cup from competing for it again be abolished (except heifers under Rule 33).

That prizes be offered for Border Leicester sheep as follows :—

Pen of three fat wether sheep, above twelve and under twenty-four months old—£10, £5 ; pen of three fat wether lambs, under twelve months old—£10, £5 ; and that the Border Leicesters compete with Leicesters for the breed cup.

Resolved, that for the 1896 Show the old steer class be abolished (excepting in Welsh and Highland breeds, and Class 42, extra stock, which remain as at present), and that for the Devon, Hereford, Shorthorn, Sussex, Aberdeen-Angus, and Cross breeds the classes for steers be as follows : (1) Steer not exceeding two years old ; (2) steer above two and not exceeding two years and six months ; and (3) steer above two years and six months and not exceeding three years old ; and that the steer classes for the Red Polled and Galloway breeds be for animals not exceeding two years old, and above two, and not exceeding three years old.

The Trustees and Stewards, with the two retiring Stewards, appointed a Committee to consider the “ block test.”

The Committee having reported on the institution of a “ block test,” and notice having been given by the Royal Agricultural Hall Company that the new building for the exhibition of pigs and the overflow of sheep entries would be ready for use at the forthcoming

Show, it was resolved that special slaughter classes be instituted at the 1895 Show as under :—

	First prize.	Second prize.	Third prize.
For steers not exceeding three years old	£15	£10	£5
For steers „ two „	15	10	5
For one Long-woolled wether sheep, not exceeding twenty-four months old.. ..	5	3	2
For one Short-woolled wether sheep, not exceeding twenty-four months old.. ..	5	3	2

No animal entered in the ordinary classes at the Show to compete for these prizes.

The judges not to award any prize unless they shall deem the animal exhibited for such prize to have sufficient merit, especially where there is no competition.

No second prize to be awarded in any class unless there be at least three animals exhibited ; and no third prize to be awarded in any class unless there be at least five animals exhibited, except on the special recommendation of the judges.

The animals entered for these special classes to be sent to the Hall before 7 p.m. on the Saturday preceding the Show, to be exhibited alive up to 4 p.m. on the Tuesday of the Show, when they will be removed for slaughter. The carcasses to be returned to the Hall on Wednesday morning, then quartered, weighed, and judged ; two judges to be appointed. The carcasses to be offered by auction on the Wednesday of the show at 4 p.m., and a commission charged to exhibitors at the rate of three per cent.

The entry fees to members for these special classes to be £1 1s. for each animal in the steer classes, and 10s. 6d. for each animal in the sheep classes ; to non-members, double these amounts. No exhibitor to be allowed to make more than one entry in each class.

In the case of a larger entry being received than accommodation can be provided for, a ballot to be taken of those breeds over-represented to reduce their numbers.

The record of the live and dead weights to be placarded above each carcass.

The animals and carcasses to be exhibited at the owners' risk, and under the usual conditions of the prize-sheet for stock where applicable.

The carcasses to remain on exhibition up to 1 p.m. on the Friday of the Show.

The regulations for the “ block test ” were afterwards amended as follows :—

It having been found impracticable to allow of the animals being exhibited alive on the Tuesday of the Show, it was decided that they should remain on view up to 7.30 p.m. on the Monday evening, after which they will be removed for slaughter, the judging to take place on the return of the carcasses on the Wednesday, and the sale of the carcasses to be held on the following day (Thursday).

Mr. T. Latham appointed a special Steward to superintend this competition and empowered to arrange all further necessary details.

It was agreed to arrange with the Royal Agricultural Hall Company for the provision in the buildings about to be erected, of a room for

the use of the herdsmen and shepherds attending the Show, the Club to contribute £200 towards the cost of the same.

The Secretary was authorized to return the entry fees paid for stock which was prevented, by the restrictions in force, from coming to the late (1894) Show.

Resolved, that the Smithfield Club join the deputation from the Central Chamber of Agriculture, etc., to the President of the Board of Agriculture upon the question of the slaughter of imported cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats at the port of debarkation.

Resolved, that no pigs from swine-fever infected areas should be allowed to be exhibited at the Club's Show this year.

1896 The sad loss which Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family sustained by the death of His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenburg caused the Council to pass the following resolution, which was graciously received by Her Majesty the Queen:—

“The Council of the Smithfield Club humbly desire to approach Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen with the expression of their constant loyalty and affection for Her Throne and Person.

They have learned with feelings of profound regret of the death of Her Majesty's son-in-law, His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenburg, and they beg to assure Her Majesty that by no class of Her Majesty's subjects is this calamity more deeply felt than by the agriculturists of her kingdom, who have received at the hands of Her Majesty and of the Royal Family so many distinguished marks of favour.

The Council desire respectfully to convey to Her Majesty and to Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice the assurance of their deepest sympathy in the irreparable loss which they have sustained, and the expression of their earnest hope that the Royal Family may receive consolation and strength to support them under the heavy blow which has befallen them.”

In accordance with the resolution passed last year the old classes for steers were abolished for this year's show.

Resolved, that the prizes in the Devon, Hereford, and Shorthorn cow classes be reduced to first prize, £10, and second prize, £5, and that separate classes be given to the cows of the Sussex, Red Polled, and Aberdeen-Angus breeds, with prizes of £10 and £5.

That Rule 33, page 18, in prize sheet, withholding the prizes awarded to heifers until such animals shall be certified to have been slaughtered within a month after the show, also apply to the cow classes.

That the classes for the Kerry, Dexter, and Small Cattle be abolished, and the following classes instituted in lieu thereof, viz:—

SMALL CATTLE

(Not qualified to compete in any of the foregoing classes).

Steers not exceeding two years old, nor exceeding 9 cwt. live weight—£10, £5.

Steers above two and not exceeding three years old, nor exceeding 11 cwt. live weight—£10, £5.

Heifers not exceeding three years old, nor exceeding 10 cwt. live weight, £10, £5.

And that a £10 cup be offered for the best animal in these three classes.

That the prizes in the wether classes of the Cheviot and Mountain breeds of sheep be increased to—first prize, £15; second prize, £10; and third prize, £5.

CARCASE COMPETITION.

That the cattle section remain as last year, but that the sheep section be altered as follows:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Class for one Long-woolled wether lamb of the Leicester, Border Leicester, Cotswold, Lincoln, Kentish or Romney Marsh, and Devon breeds, not exceeding twelve months old	£ 5	£ 3	£ 2
Class for one Short-woolled wether lamb of the Southdown, Hampshire, Suffolk, Shropshire, Oxfordshire, Dorset, and cross breeds not exceeding twelve months old	£ 5	£ 3	£ 2
Class for one wether sheep of the Cheviot, pure or cross-bred Mountain, and Exmoor breeds, above twelve, and not exceeding twenty-four months old	£ 5	£ 3	£ 2

That for the 1897 Show, the classes for Welsh steers be for steers not exceeding 2 years old, and for steers above 2, and not exceeding 3 years old.

A recommendation by the Stock Prize Sheet Committee that one judge be appointed for each breed of cattle, sheep, and pigs to act singly was negated by the Council.

The Club's request, "That the privilege of the free admission of a "lady accompanying a member on the first day of the show be extended "to the whole of that day, instead of up to 2 p.m., as at present," was acceded to by the Royal Agricultural Hall Company.

Resolved that as the question of the President for the Centenary Meeting in 1898 is an important matter to the Club, the question be referred to a special Committee.

Resolved, that the existing classes for cows be abolished, and that all cows compete in two classes, viz.: A class for horned cows above three years old (that must have had at least one live calf), with prizes £15, £10, and £5; and a class for polled cows above three years old (that must have had at least one live calf), with prizes £15, £10, and £5. The animals in these two classes to be eligible to compete for their breed cups. 1897

That a class be instituted for cross-bred heifers not exceeding two years old, first prize £10, second £5; and that Rule 33, page 18 in prize sheet, should not apply to this class.

That Class 46 (extra stock) be altered to heifer not exceeding four years old, not qualified to compete in any of the foregoing classes, with prizes £10 and £5.

That the breed cups for the Red Polled, Galloway, Welsh, and Highland breeds of cattle be raised to £15 each.

That the classes for Welsh steers be (1) for steer not exceeding two years old, and (2) for steer above two and not exceeding three years old, as resolved in 1896 for this Show.

That the present classes for ewes be abolished, and the following two classes substituted: a class for pens of 3 fat ewes, above 3 years

old, of the undermentioned breeds—Leicesters, Border Leicesters, Cotswolds, Lincolns, Kentish or Romney Marsh, Devon, Cheviot Mountain, Ryeland, &c., with prizes £15, £10, and £5; and a class for pens of three fat ewes, above three years old, of the undermentioned breeds—Southdowns, Hampshires, Suffolks, Shropshires, Oxfordshires, Dorset, and Cross-breds, with prizes £15, £10, £5. The animals in these two classes to be eligible to compete for their breed cups.

That the prizes in the classes for wether sheep and wether lambs of the Suffolk breed be increased to: first, £15; second, £10; and third, £5.

That the prizes in the Cross-bred wether sheep class (first cross from Cheviot, Scotch, and Mountain) be raised to: first, £15; second, £10; third, £5.

That separate breed cups, value £15 each, be offered for Suffolk and for Dorset sheep, and that the Kentish or Devon, &c., and the Cheviot and Mountain breed cups be increased to £15 each.

That the champion plate for the best pen of Short-woolled sheep be increased to £50, and the champion plate for the best pen of Long-woolled sheep to £30.

That a class for single pigs of the Tamworth breed be instituted, with first prize £5, second £3.

That for each second entry of cattle or sheep in the same class, members shall pay 10s., non-members 20s.; post entries for same, members 20s., non-members £2.

That the Judges Selection Committee be authorised to meet in the latter part of July, to select judges for the Show to be held in the December following.

A Committee appointed to consider the question of the revision of the Club's bye-laws suggested some slight alterations which were adopted by the Council and members.

On the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty the Queen's reign the following address of congratulation was unanimously passed—

“TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty.

We, the President and Council representing the Smithfield Club, desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with the expression of profound loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Person, and humbly beg to offer our dutiful and heartfelt congratulations upon the completion of the sixtieth year of Your Majesty's eventful and prosperous reign.

We recall with feelings of pride and gratification that Your Majesty has been for many years a regular and successful exhibitor at the shows of the Club.

We heartily rejoice, in common with all Your Majesty's subjects, in the celebration of the longest and most glorious reign in English history, and pray that the continued blessing of Almighty God may rest upon Your Majesty and Family, and the nations over whom your beneficent rule extends.

Signed on behalf of the Council this fourteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

HUNTLY, President.

E. J. POWELL, Secretary.”

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., graciously honoured the Club, in this its Centenary year, by becoming its President for the third time. 1898
(Centenary).

The Earl of Cawdor and J. J. Colman, Esq., Vice-Presidents, and Mr. W. Barford, a member of the Council, died. Votes of condolence and sympathy were passed.

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,000 be withdrawn from the Club's invested funds for the purpose of increasing the prize list for the Centenary Show.

That for the Centenary Show, silver medals, with suitable inscriptions, be awarded to the exhibitors and breeders of each first prize animal, or pen of animals, and that a silver medal be awarded to the exhibitor, and a gold medal to the breeder, of each cup winner.

Resolved, that in the classes for Red Polled, Galloway, and Welsh cattle, the prizes be increased to £20, £10, and £5 in each class.

That the Scotch Highland cattle have three classes—viz.: (1) Steer, not exceeding three years old; (2) steer above three years old; and (3) heifer, not exceeding four years old, with prizes of £20, £10, and £5 in each class.

That the breeder's certificate be required in the small cattle classes, and that these cattle be placed at the end of the cattle section.

That in the yearling Cross-bred heifer class the prizes be increased to £20, £10, £5.

That the cups for Red Polled, Galloway, Welsh, and Highland cattle be increased to £20 each.

That the classes for cows (32 and 33), and also that extra stock classes (42 and 43), be abolished.

Resolved, that in the classes for Kentish, and for Devon or other pure Longwool sheep, the prizes be increased to £15, £10, £5 in each class.

That the Kentish, Devon or other pure Longwools, Cheviot, and the Mountain breeds of sheep, have separate breed cups of £15 each (making two extra cups to be offered).

That the Long-woolled Champion Plate be of the same value as that for Shortwools—viz., £50.

That the ewe classes be abolished.

Resolved, that the Middle White and Large White breeds of pigs have separate classes similar to the other breeds.

CARCASE COMPETITION.

Resolved, that in the cattle section, the two classes and prizes for steers remain as last year, and that a class be instituted for heifers not exceeding three years old, with prizes £15, £10, £5.

That in the sheep section, the classes and prizes be as follows:

One Long-woolled wether lamb, not exceeding twelve months.	£	£	£
One Long-woolled wether sheep, above twelve and not exceeding twenty-four months	5	3	2
One Short-woolled wether lamb, not exceeding twelve months	5	3	2
One Short-woolled wether sheep, above twelve and not exceeding twenty-four months.	5	3	2

That silver medals be awarded to the exhibitor and breeder of each first prize animal in these classes, as in the other stock classes, and a gold medal to the exhibitor of the best carcase in the cattle section,

and a gold medal to the exhibitor of the best carcase in the sheep section.

Resolved :

"That the Council of the Smithfield Club desires humbly to convey to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President of the Club, the expression of their extreme regret at the unfortunate accident which has befallen His Royal Highness, and the hope that His Royal Highness may have a speedy and satisfactory recovery."

Resolved, that a special medal be struck for the Centenary Show, and that a Committee, consisting of Sir Walter Gilbey and the Trustees, approve a design for the medal, and that it be submitted to His Royal Highness the President.

Resolved, that a portrait of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President of the Club, be given on the obverse of the medal.

His Royal Highness the President announced his intention to offer a challenge cup value £100 for the best pen of sheep in the Show, and that His Royal Highness the Duke of York wished also to offer a challenge cup of the value of £50 for the best pen of pigs in the Show, the conditions to be similar to those for Her Majesty's challenge cup for cattle.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to His Royal Highness the President, and H.R.H. the Duke of York for the very handsome gifts to the Club by Their Royal Highnesses.

Resolved, that the Club's History be brought up to date.

Mr. Garrett Taylor deputed to give evidence on behalf of the Club before the Departmental Committee on the Inland Transit of Cattle.

Design for Centenary Badge for members of Council and Stewards submitted and approved.

Letters were received from the Lincoln Longwool, the Southdown, and the Hampshire Sheep Breeders' Associations calling attention to the fact that these breeds were not directly represented in the judges for the Champion Plates and Challenge Cup, and suggesting that the six judges of Longwools should judge Long-woolled Champion, and six judges of Shortwools the Short-woolled Champion Plate, and that the judges of Longwools and Shortwools should unite to award the Challenge Cup. A motion to this effect was negatived by the Council, it being pointed out that the various breeds were represented in alternate years.

In view of the proposed action of the London County Council to abolish private slaughter-houses, it was resolved—

"That, having become aware of the proposal by the London County Council to take steps with a view to the abolition of private slaughter-houses in London and the substitution of public slaughter-houses or abattoirs, the Club is of opinion that the proposals are unnecessary and inexpedient, and that the adoption of them would be most injurious to the interests of this Club and of all those engaged in British agriculture."

A copy of this resolution was sent to the London County Council.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G. (President), presided at the Centenary Meeting of the members.

The following cablegram was received during the meeting:—
"Guelph, Canada Fat Stock Club sends congratulations Centenary Anniversary," to which a suitable reply was sent.

In acknowledging the vote of thanks proposed by the Right Hon. Lord Tredegar, and seconded by the Right Hon. the Earl of Feversham, His Royal Highness, the President, who was received with enthusiasm, said: I beg to tender to you all, and especially to Lords Tredegar and Feversham, my acknowledgments for the very kind manner in which they have brought forward their vote of thanks, and for the cordial and hearty support you have given it. I have known this Smithfield Club for many years—not quite one hundred. I remember as a boy coming here with my father for many years before I became an agriculturist myself. I had the honour of being twice President for the year of the Show and of the Club, and I was very much pleased and flattered that I was asked on the occasion of the Centenary of the Club to accept the Presidency. The occasion has been a most interesting one to me. The Club has now prospered so long that I feel its success is completely assured, and that it will always continue to flourish is my most ardent wish. I shall always continue to take the greatest interest, as I have ever done, in everything that concerns agriculture.

Much regret was expressed at the death of Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, Vice-President and President-Elect, whose generous support of agriculture and of the Smithfield Club was well known and appreciated. The death of Mr. Robert Wortley, a member of the Council, was also reported. Votes of condolence and sympathy were passed. 1899

The Stock Prize Committee considered a scheme of prizes submitted by Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart., suggesting that uniform classes, and prizes of £15, £10, and £5 be offered for each breed of cattle, with £5 to the breeder of each first-prize animal, and £15 breed cups; and with uniform prizes of £10, £7, and £3 in each class of sheep and pigs (except single pigs), with breed cups of £10 each, etc. The Committee, however, being of opinion that the time had not yet arrived for the adoption of the principle of the equalisation of prizes as suggested, regretted they could not recommend the adoption of the scheme.

Resolved, that in the Devon, Hereford, Shorthorn, Sussex, Aberdeen-Angus breeds, and Cross-bred cattle, the class for steers above two years and not exceeding two years and six months be abolished, and that the older class in these breeds be for steers above two years and not exceeding three years old.

That in place of the classes for small cattle the following classes be instituted:—

KERRY, DEXTER KERRY, AND SHETLAND.

Steer, not exceeding two years old	...	...	...	£10	...	£5
Steer, above two and not exceeding three years old			10	...		5
Heifer, not exceeding three years old	...	...	10	...		5

SMALL CROSS-BRED CATTLE.

First cross between Kerry, Dexter Kerry, Shetland, Ayrshire, or Channel Islands cattle, and between these and other breeds.

Steer, not above three years old	...	...	...	£10	...	£5
Heifer, not above three years old	...	...	...	10	...	5

with a £10 cup for best animal in these classes.

Resolved, that a champion prize of £25 be offered for the best beast in the Show, not exceeding two years old.

That in the classes for lambs of the Leicester, Cotswold, Lincoln, Kentish, Devon, Shropshire, and Oxford Down sheep, the prizes be reduced to £10 first and £5 second prize.

That classes be instituted for lambs of the Cheviot and Mountain breeds, and also for lambs first cross from Cheviot, Scotch, and Mountain breeds, with prizes £10 and £5 in each class.

Resolved, that Gold Medals be awarded to the winners of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Challenge Cup for sheep, and H.R.H. the Duke of York's Challenge Cup for pigs.

That in the Carcase Competition a champion prize of £5 be offered for the best carcase in the cattle section, and £5 for the best carcase in the sheep section.

That the carcasses be returned to the Hall from the slaughter-house on the Wednesday morning and judged, and that the sale of carcasses take place at twelve o'clock (noon) on the Thursday, purchasers to be allowed to remove the carcasses the same day after seven p.m., and that no commission be charged to exhibitors on the sale of the carcasses.

Resolved, to add the following rule to the prize sheet :—"Exhibitors are specially cautioned not to send cattle which are suffering from ringworm in any stage, or from any eruptive disease of the skin. Any animal found to be so affected will, on the certificate of the veterinary inspector, be disqualified from competition and removed from the exhibition, and will subject the exhibitor to a fine of £1 in each case."

The Judges' Selection Committee was appointed, and also as a Special Committee, to consider the question of the appointment and rearrangement of the judges.

A requisition from breeders and exhibitors of Highland cattle, asking for a special breed judge for Highland cattle, and also a letter from the Sussex Herd Book Society, asking that the Sussex cattle might be grouped with Devons for judging, was read, and both communications referred to the Judges' Selection Committee.

Resolved, that the Stewards be authorised to appoint two assistant-stewards on the judging day.

A circular-letter from the National Federation of Meat Traders' Association with reference to providing compensation to meat traders for meat confiscated on account of tuberculosis, etc., and asking the Council to join a deputation to the President of the Local Government Board, in the event of his being willing to receive one, was received, and three members of the Council were appointed to represent the Club on such deputation.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of the accommodation for the Carcase Competition in the future reported :—

That after hearing the statement of Mr. T. Latham, Steward, upon the unsatisfactory atmospheric condition of the King Edward's Hall during the Carcase Exhibition at the late Show, and the report of Mr. W. Coggan, as to the condition of some of the carcasses exhibited, and also the report of the managing directors of the Royal Agricultural Hall Company as to the possibility of providing other accommodation for the Carcase Competition, it was resolved to recommend :—

"That the Club contribute the sum of £400 towards the cost to the Royal Agricultural Hall Company of arranging the building at the Barford Street entrance for the purpose of holding the

Carcase Competition therein, and that a sum of £15 per annum be paid to the Hall Company towards the expense of removing the implement exhibitors' packing cases and boxes."

Also that the animals in the Carcase Competition be removed for slaughter at 5 p.m. on the Monday of the Show.

Resolved, that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

Resolutions passed by the Highland Cattle Society, the Galloway Cattle Sales Association, and the Hereford Herd Book Society, respecting the selection of judges at the Club's Shows for the breeds which they represented, were received.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of the appointment and arrangement of the judges at the Club's Show brought up their report, recommending practically the present arrangement of two breeds in a division, with a judge for each of the two breeds acting together, but that all champion prizes should be awarded by a single judge.

An amendment was moved that a single judge should judge each breed, and this was carried.

Further amendments were moved (1) that three judges be appointed to award the championships, and (2) that two judges be appointed, with umpires as at present, to award the champion prizes, but were not carried.

It was thereupon resolved—

That each breed of cattle, sheep, and pigs be judged by a single judge, with the exception that Kerry, Dexters and small Cross-breds be judged by one judge, and Leicesters and Border Leicesters by one judge, and that two judges make the awards in the Carcase Competition.

That the champion Cups and Plate and H.M. the Queen's Challenge Cup for cattle be awarded by one judge, the champion plate for Long-woolled sheep by one judge, the champion plate for Short-woolled sheep by one judge, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales's Challenge Cup by one judge, champion plates and H.R.H. the Duke of York's Challenge Cup for pigs by one judge, and that one judge award the champion prizes in the Carcase Competition.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. C. W. Tindall—

"That in view of the Smithfield Club having now entered upon the second centenary of its existence, it appears desirable that a Special Committee should be appointed to inquire into the whole subject of its present constitution and administration, and report to the Council whether any, and if so what, changes would in their opinion conduce to its extended usefulness in the future.

The following were appointed members of the Committee:—Earl Winterton, Mr. J. Bowen-Jones, Mr. W. Cooper, Mr. J. D. Fletcher, Mr. T. Latham, Mr. Clare Sewell Read, Mr. R. Stratton, Mr. Garrett Taylor, Mr. C. W. Tindall, and Sir Jacob Wilson.

The Committee recommended that the Club be incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1898, as a company not formed for profit, with Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-laws. The Report of the Committee and the Memorandum, Articles of Association, and Bye-laws were adopted, and the Solicitor instructed to submit the Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended for the approval of the Board of Trade, with the view of submitting the same to a General Meeting of the members.

The Club's Solicitor reported the recommendations of the Board of Trade on the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association, and also a suggestion by the Board as to provision being made for voting by proxy at General Meetings. The Council decided against the suggestion as to proxy voting, and having considered the various recommendations to the Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were purely legal, and making some slight alterations thereto, adopted the same.

The question of the condition of the dies for the Club's ordinary medals, was referred to the Centenary Medal Committee.

A circular-letter from the National Federation of Meat Traders' Association, sending copy of resolution passed by that Association with reference to the provision by Government of compensation for confiscation of tuberculous meat, &c., and asking for the views of the Smithfield Club thereon, was read.

Resolved—

“That the Government be asked to give compensation for the carcasses of animals condemned by Government or other inspectors as affected with tuberculosis, with proper reservations, and that only duly qualified meat inspectors be appointed.”

Much gratification was expressed by the Council that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had graciously signed and presented to the Rev. Dr. Barlow, on the opening day of the show, the illuminated testimonial from the Council in recognition of the services rendered by Dr. Barlow to the herdsmen and shepherds during the last twelve years.

At the Annual General Meeting of the members, which was opened in the Club-room at the Royal Agricultural Hall, but which, owing to the large attendance of members, nearly 500 being present, was adjourned to the Lecture Hall, Barford Street, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. C. W. Tindall:—

“That the Council of this Club be instructed to procure the registration of an association to be called the Smithfield Club Incorporated, and to be governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, drafts of which have already been prepared and passed by the Council, and provisionally approved by the Board of Trade; that in accordance with such Memorandum and Articles of Association, the objects of this Club be henceforward carried out by the Smithfield Club Incorporated; that the President, Vice-Presidents, members of Council, and other Officers of this Club, be the President, Vice-Presidents, and ordinary members of Council of the Smithfield Club Incorporated; that the further persons named in the Draft and Articles of Association of the Smithfield Club Incorporated be also Vice-Presidents and ordinary members of Council respectively of the Smithfield Club Incorporated; that all the Assets and undertakings of this Club be transferred to the Smithfield Club Incorporated, on the terms that the Smithfield Club Incorporated shall undertake to discharge all the obligations and liabilities of this Club; that the whole of the Rules of this Club be superseded by the Memorandum and Articles of Association above mentioned; that this Club be thereupon dissolved, and that the Council of this Club be hereby empowered to do all things necessary for carrying out this resolution.”

A lengthy debate ensued on rule twenty-nine of the Articles of Association, which required that each member should vote for the eleven candidates to be elected on the Council, and the rule was ultimately amended, on the motion of Mr. W. Haydon, to read as follows :—

“29. Three weeks at least before the Annual Meeting a printed list containing the names and addresses of the selected candidates shall be sent to each member of the Club, and each member shall then place his initials against one or more, but not exceeding eleven of the said names, being the candidates for whom he votes to fill one or more of the eleven vacancies, and shall thereupon sign and return the said list to the Secretary of the Club so as to reach him not later than one week preceding the date fixed for the Annual Meeting. The initials of a member against the name of a Candidate shall only be counted as one vote for that Candidate.

The resolution providing for the Incorporation of the Club, and adopting the Articles of Association and Bye-laws as amended, was adopted.

Attention having been called to the excessive and extravagant 1900 colouring of some of the sheep exhibited at the late Show, it was resolved :—

“That in the opinion of this Council the excessive artificial colouring of exhibits in the sheep classes is undesirable. That this resolution be referred to the National Sheep Breeders' Association for their consideration, and that they be asked to make suggestions for changes in this direction.”

Attention was called to the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease which had occurred on the borders of Norfolk and Suffolk, and the manner in which it had been dealt with by the Board of Agriculture, and it was resolved :—

“That the Council of the Smithfield Club earnestly request the Board of Agriculture to exercise their powers of immediate slaughter in the event of any further outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.”

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual General Meeting the Club was, on March 5th, Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1898, as the Smithfield Club (Incorporated) (the word “Limited” being omitted by Licence of the Board of Trade), and that the Company is Limited.

Sir John Gilmour, Bart., Mr. Hugh Gorringe, and Mr. Howard P. Ryland, elected Members of the Council under Article of Association No. 26.

The question of the Club undertaking the Table Poultry Exhibition, referred to the Stock Prize Committee by the Council, was considered by that Committee, and they recommended, and it was resolved : “That as the taking over of the Table Poultry Exhibition would necessitate a very serious reduction in the prizes now offered for live stock at the Club's Show, the Committee cannot recommend its adoption by the Club.”

Resolved—

That the value of the Red Polled Cup be reduced to £15.

That in the conditions for classes for small Cross-bred cattle, the words "Ayrshire and Channel Island cattle," be deleted.

That a maximum weight be stated in the classes for Kerry, Dexter and Shetland cattle as follows :—

Class 32	...	...	...	...	Not to exceed 8 cwt.
Class 33	...	...	...	...	Not to exceed 10 cwt.
Class 34	...	...	...	...	Not to exceed 9 cwt.

That for the 1901 Show, the breeder's certificate for Highland cattle be required.

That no alteration in the ages of cattle shall be made in the future without notice being given in the previous year.

That in the Leicester, Cotswold, Lincoln, Kentish or Romney Marsh, Devon, etc., Shropshire, and Oxford Down breeds, the prizes for lambs and wethers be transposed, viz. lambs, £15, £10, £5, and wethers, £10 and £5.

That the value of the Border Leicester Cup be reduced to £10.

The question of the provision of a Common Seal for the Club was referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved—

That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having graciously given permission for his portrait (by Mr. Emile Fuchs) to appear on the obverse of the medal, the portraits of Earl Spencer, President 1825-1845, and the Duke of Richmond, President 1846-1860, which appear on the Club's old medal, be given on the reverse of the medal.

At the August meeting the Council expressed their deep sense of the sad loss which Her Majesty the Queen and the Family Royal had sustained by the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, K.G. His Royal Highness had not only been an exhibitor at the Club's Shows, but had since the year 1882 been a Vice-President of the Club, and filled the position of President in 1884.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

"The Council of the Smithfield Club humbly desire to approach Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen with the expression of their constant loyalty and affection for her throne and person. The Council have learned with feelings of profound regret of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and desire respectfully to convey to Her Majesty and the members of the Royal Family the assurance of their deepest sympathy in the irreparable loss which they have sustained, and the expression of their earnest hope that the Royal Family may receive consolation and strength to support them under the heavy blow which has befallen them."

At the November Meeting the Council expressed their sense of the further great loss which Her Majesty the Queen and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein had sustained in the death of H.R.H. Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, and passed the following resolution :—

"The Council of the Smithfield Club humbly desire to convey to Her Majesty the Queen and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein the expression of their deep sympathy in the sad loss which they have sustained by the death of H.R.H. Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein."

Mr. Robert Garne, a member of the Council, died. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed.

A suggestion that pigs should be included in the block test, and that the pigs exhibited in the other classes should be weighed, was referred to the Carcase and Stock Prize Committees.

It having been reported that certain local authorities were adopting the method of isolation in place of slaughter in cases of swine fever, the following resolution was passed, and ordered to be forwarded to the Board of Agriculture :—

“That the Council of the Smithfield Club trust that the immediate slaughter of pigs in outbreaks of swine fever will still be adhered to by the Board of Agriculture.”

The following resolution was received from the National Sheep Breeders' Association in reply to the resolution passed by the Club.

“That this Association deprecates the excessive use of oiling or colouring of Show Sheep, but at the same time think as little interference as possible should be exercised in allowing exhibitors to show their sheep in the best possible form.”

Resolved—

“That the Smithfield Club appoint a Committee to wait upon the Government with a view of bringing before them the question of compensation for carcases confiscated as affected with tuberculosis.”

Her Majesty the Queen's Challenge Cup for cattle was awarded to Her Majesty for the third time,* and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' Challenge Cup for sheep was awarded to the Earl of Ellesmere for the second time in succession, both cups being thus won outright.

* Her Majesty's heifer, which won this Cup, not being slaughtered as required by the rules, the Cup fell to the Earl of Strathmore, and as the Earl had won it twice previously, it became his own property.

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DIXON'S LAIRS, Islington, site for new hall, 1860.

DIXON'S REPOSITORY, Show held at, 1805.

DORSET Sheep, 1874, '75, '81, '82, '83, '84, '87, '90, '92, '93, '96, '97.

DRUCE, A. F. MILTON, implements steward, 1886.

DRUCE, JOSEPH, Trustee, 1875; resigned stewardship of implements, '86; death, '90.

DRUCE, SAMUEL, Trustee, 1860.

DUCKHAM, T., Trustee, 1891; resolution on resigning Trusteeship, '94.

DUTCH CATTLE, importation of, 1888.

EARLY MATURITY, sheep and cattle, 1800.

EINBURGH, H.R.H. DUKE OF, visited Show for first time, 1854; member and V.P., '82; President-elect, '85; President, '87; death, 1900.

ELLESMERE, EARL OF, V.P., 1878; President, '94.

ELLMAN, JOHN, on Committee, 1798; Steward, 1801; wins match, '35.

EMPRESS OF THE FRENCH visited Show, 1860.

ENGINES, STEAM, allowed to be exhibited, 1854.

ENSILAGE, application for cup prize refused, 1885.

ENTRIES, limitation 1803, '08, '35; may be rejected by Council, '42; only one to be made in each class by same exhibitor, '54; not again in same class, '71; two allowed, '76; may be rejected by Council, '77; special fees for second entry, '83; certificate of veterinary surgeon certifying age of pigs to accompany entry, '83; post entries adopted, '86; no animal to be exhibited more than twice, '86.

ENTRY FEES, some for 1894 show returned, 1895 (see also Entries).

EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES, fees to be paid by, 1869.

EXETER, BROWNLOW, 2ND MARQUIS OF, wins match, 1835.

EXETER, WILLIAM, 3RD MARQUIS OF, V.P., 1868; President, '71; death, '95.

EXHIBITORS, to furnish breed, age, time of fattening, etc., 1800; not to win in same class two consecutive years, '19; to take one prize in each class only, '19; rule as to winning in two consecutive years rescinded in part, '21; entirely in '23; to take one prize in each class only, '24; to certify six months' possession of animals, '26; to be admitted to private view, '49; to judging, '64; to area, '68; to prove correctness of certificate, '70; to certify animals not shown one month previous to Show, '72; or in contact with disease, '72; to indemnify club, '75; to produce evidence, '76; allowed to make two entries, cattle or sheep, '76; addition to rule proving correctness of certificates, '79; advised to have dentition of pigs examined, '82; three months possession to be certified, '83; to affix numbers on animals before admission, or fine imposed, '89; entry fees, '97; gold and silver medals to Centenary Show, '98.

EXMOOR SHEEP, 1896.

EXTRA STOCK, silver medals for cattle and sheep, 1829, '34; medals for sheep, '55; for cattle, '58; for sheep, '69; money substituted for cattle, '70; cup for pigs, '70; abolished, '76; steer class abolished for 1889 Show, '88; cow or heifer class amended, '88; conditions for, altered, '89; reinstated for steers, '90; for small cattle, '91, '92, '95; age of heifer class altered, '97; classes abolished, '98.

FALSE CERTIFICATES, at other shows, 1842; at Club's Shows, '54.

FAREY, JOHN, secretary, 1806; and treasurer, '15; death, '26.

FAREY, WILLIAM, secretary, 1826; death, '36.

FATTENING, conditions of, 1801, '02, '03, '04, '06, '41; restrictions removed in oxen and steer classes, '47; in sheep, '48; not to be stated, '76.

FEEDING TROUGHS, 1873, '80; exhibitors may bring their own, '82.

FEES OF NON-MEMBERS, 1847, '69; executors, trustees, and partners, '69, '97.

FEVERSHAM, LORD, V.P., 1858; President, '62; death, '67.

FEVERSHAM, EARL OF, V.P., 1872; President, '88.

FINES FOR NON-EXHIBITION, 1864, '65, '78; for numbering animals incorrectly, '89.

FOG-SICKNESS, 1873.

FOLJAMBE, F. J. S., now the Rt. Hon., V.P., 1872; President, '81.

FOOD (cattle and pigs), to be certified, 1802.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE, animals refused admission, 1871; special regulations for Show, '80; owing to outbreak Hon. Sec. to communicate with authorities in reference to Show, '82; restrictions removed, '84; some animals prevented attending Show owing to, '94; on borders of Norfolk and Suffolk, 1900.

FOREIGN CATTLE, importation of, 1888, '92, '93, '94, '95.

FOREIGN CATTLE MARKET, 1881.

FREEMARTINS, 1864.

GALLOWAY CATTLE, 1884, '85, '88, '89; separate classes, '91, '92; class for steer under 3 years, '93; breed cup for, '94; steer classes altered, '95; value of breed cup increased, '97; prizes increased, '98.

GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY offer Cup, '93.

GARNE, ROBERT, member of Council, death, 1900.

GEORGE III., HIS MAJESTY KING, exhibits, 1800.

GIBBS, SIR B. T. BRANDRETH, Hon. Secretary, 1843; Trustee, '44; testimonial to, '55; his "History," '57, '68; resigns office of trustee, '60; deputation, '66; vote of thanks to, '75, '76; V.P., '78; illness, '84; resignation and death, '85.

GIBBS, HUMPHREY (afterwards Humphrey Brandreth), Hon. Sec., 1836; resigns, '43; testimonial to, '46; V.P., '63; death, '64.

GIBBS, THOMAS, Father of the Club, death, 1849.

GIBLETT, JOHN, suggests committee of enquiry for better site for Show, 1858, and Company to erect Hall for Show, '59; death, '93.

GIBLETT, PAUL, Treasurer, 1806; resigns, '15.

GILBEY, WALTER (now Sir Walter Bart.), V.P., 1889; President, '96; on medal committee, '98.

GLOUCESTER SHEEP, 1799.

GORDON-CUMMING, SIR W. G., BART., V.P., 1882; President, '85.

GREETHAM, THOS., Trustee, 1860; death, '67.

GUELPH, CANADA, FAT STOCK CLUB, sends congratulations Centenary Anniversary, 1898.

HAMPSHIRE OR WILTSHIRE SHEEP, 1869, '70, '74, '75, '83, '87, '90, '92, '96, '97.

HANDBILLS, distribution prohibited, 1882.

HARDWICKE, EARL OF, V.P., 1844; President, '68.

HASTINGS, LORD, V.P., 1884; President, '95.

HAYDON, W., moves amendment to Article 29, 1899.

HEIFERS, excluded from competing, 1802; distinction between heifer and cow, '41; Freemartins compete as heifers, '64; spayed, '66; not to be exhibited in calf, '90; prizes withheld till slaughtered, '93; class instituted for yearling cross-breeds, '97. See also under Cows.

HERDSMEN and Shepherds' Room, '95.

HEREFORD CATTLE, 1799, 1800, '06, '10, '11, '12, '25, '52, '69, '74, '75, '78, '82, '87, '88, '92, '95, '96, '98, '99.

HESSE, H.R.H. PRINCE LOUIS OF, visits Show, 1862.

HIGHLAND CATTLE, 1870, '79, '84, '88, '89, '90, '91, '92: breed cup for, '94, '95; value of breed cup increased, '97; additional classes and increased prizes for, '98; requisition of breeders, etc., '99, 1900.

HINE, H. J., appointed assist. secretary, 1880; secretary, '85; illness, '87; death, '88.

HISTORY, 1867, '68, '98.

HOARE, MESSRS., appointed bankers, 1834.

HOOD, HON. COL., afterwards Major-General, then Lord Bridport: V.P., 1860; motion by, '62; President, '67.

HOTHFIELD, LORD, V.P., 1890.

HOWARD, CHARLES, Trustee, 1875; death, '95.

HOWARD, JAMES, death, 1889.

HUNTINGFIELD, LORD, loses match, 1834.

HUNTLY, MARQUIS OF, V.P., 1839; death, '64.

HUNTLY, MARQUIS OF, V.P., 1891; President, '97.

IMPERIAL MEASURE and statute acres adopted, 1852.

IMPLEMENTS, charge for exhibition, 1820, '37: six days' notice by exhibitors, '39; charge raised, '42: steam engines allowed downstairs, '54; arrangement, '58: no articles to be removed (except books), '59, '61; catalogue to be published, '62; stewards, '63; charge for, '68; separate catalogue discontinued, '71; attendants, '74; indemnify club, '75; charges raised, '75; question of increased accommodation for, '78; enlargement for, '81; arcade gallery opened for, '83; application for reduction of charges from Agricultural Engineers' Association, '87; enlargement for, '91.

IMPLEMENT COMMITTEE appointed, 1861.

IMPORTATION of live stock, 1888, '92, '93, '94, '95.

INCORPORATION OF SMITHFIELD CLUB, 1899, 1900.

INFECTION, precautions against, 1872; see also Cattle, Cattle Plague, and Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

IRISH CATTLE, 1845, '52, '56, '69, '73, '75.

ISLINGTON MARKET offered for Show, 1836.

JERSEY, EARL OF, V.P., 1879; President, '84.

JUBILEE memorial, 1897.

JUDGES, to select two best animals from each class, with power to inspect killing before awarding prizes, 1800, 1801; three instead of five, '07; not to know names of exhibitors, '09; selection and nomination of, '18, '27; three for entire Show, '27; travelling expenses, '28; increased to six, '39; feeding not to be disclosed to, '47; travelling of animals not disclosed to, '48; to give reserve number, '54; increased to nine, '58, to fifteen, and committee to select, '63: all judges to award cup, '63; fee, '64; nomination of, '67 and '68; selection committee, '69; Birmingham judges not to be appointed, '70; additional members selection committee, '71; twenty-one, '73; to have weights of cattle, sheep and pigs, '76; three for Champion Plates, '78; power to award additional prize, '79; three additional for sheep, '80; to withhold prizes in pigs placed in wrong class, '84; nine to award Champion Plate sheep, '89; re-arrangement of divisions for, and for championships, '92; not to judge at Norwich or Birmingham, '94; to be informed nature of cross in Cross-breds, '95; Selection Committee's recommendation to act singly negatived by Council, '96; selection, '97; special committee to consider re-arrangement of judges, '99; a single judge for each breed, '99; breeds bracketed together for judging, '99; one judge to award Champion Cups and Plates, '99.

KENTISH OR ROMNEY MARSH SHEEP, 1870, '73, '74, '75, '81, '82, '83, '87, '90, '92, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1900.

KERRY AND DEXTER CATTLE, 1888, '91; Breed Cup for, and small cattle, '92; classes altered, '95; separate classes abolished, '96, '99, 1900.

KESTIVEN, LORD, V.P., 1871.

KING, H., Junr., appointed to attend killing and weighing prize animals, 1804 and '06.

KINGSCOTE, COL. (now Col. Sir Nigel), V.P., 1871; President, '79.

KITELEE, MR., gold medal offered by, 1829.

LABELS, class, to be sent to exhibitors, 1840.

LAMBS, 1875, '76, '79, '81, '82, '83, '84, '87, '93, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99.

LARGE WHITE PIGS, 1883, '84, '91, '98.

LATHAM, T., appointed a special steward, 1895.

LEEDS, ROBERT, V.P., 1887; death, '90.
 LEICESTER, EARL OF, V.P., 1860.
 LEICESTER SHEEP, 1870, '74, '75, '83, '87, '90, '92, '95, '96, '97, '99, 1900.
 LIFE COMPOSITION, 1837, '85.
 LINCOLN SHEEP, 1870, '74, '75, '83, '87, '90, '92, '96, '97, '99, 1900.
 LINDSAY, COL. LOYD, afterwards Lord Wantage (which see).
 LIST OF MEMBERS, printed, 1867.
 LIVE WEIGHTS, substituted for dead weights in certain sheep classes, 1845; of cattle and sheep to be made public, '68; to be published in first edition of catalogue, '87; divided into classes, '89.
 LONDON BUTCHERS' TRADE SOCIETY, offer prize for Block Test, 1894.
 LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL requirements complied with, 1892.
 LONG-HORN CATTLE, 1800, '06, '07, '08, '10, '56; classes discontinued, '73.
 LONG-WOOLLED SHEEP, 1831, '68, '71 (see also Sheep).
 LUNCHEON, 1868.
 MANCHESTER, WILLIAM, 5TH DUKE OF, Father of the Club, 1839.
 MANCHESTER, WILLIAM-DROGO, 7TH DUKE OF, V.P., 1878.
 MARLBOROUGH, DUKE OF, V.P., 1867; President, '69.
 MEAT TRADERS' ASSOCIATION, National Federation of, 1899.
 MEDALS, Bedfordian and Die for, 1814; discontinued, '21; additional gold and silver, '29, '30, '31; one discontinued, '33; to butcher, '35; discontinued, '37; die for medals, '40; again offered to butcher, '41; to be given to exhibitors not breeders, '42; best cow or heifer, '44, '55; additional and cups in lieu of, '62; breeders' medals, '65, '76; for each class and champions, '79; silver medals abolished, '87; gold to winner of Queen's Challenge Cup and champion for pigs, '94; special gold and silver, centenary, '98; portraits of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to appear on obverse, and those of Earl Spencer and the Duke of Richmond on reverse of medals, 1900.
 MELLISH, THOMAS, V.P., 1814; re-signed, '32.
 MEMBERS, number of, extended to 100, 1802; to 120, '04; unlimited, '05; election by ballot, '05; resignation, '10; in arrears, '11; to sign engaging to pay their subscriptions, '12; in arrears, '13; number, 272, '13; election by show of hands, '20; officers of

club receiving pay ineligible, '26; in arrears, '32; conditions of Life Membership, '37, '42; in arrears, '44; to be admitted free to private view and Show, '55; and to judging, '64; list printed, '67; admitted free to area, '68; members' ticket also to admit lady on Monday, '75; slip in Prize sheet to nominate judges, '83; list to be printed in alphabetical order, '86; committee on arrears, '88; Lady's admission accompanying member extended, '96; entry fees, '97.
 MERINO SHEEP, 1809.
 METROPOLITAN CATTLE MARKETS, opening same day, 1880, '81.
 METROPOLITAN FOREIGN CATTLE MARKET BILL, 1868.
 MIDDLE WHITE PIGS, 1883, '84, '91, '98.
 MORETON, LORD, V.P., 1883; President, '90.
 MOTION, Notice of, 1825, '51.
 MOUNTAIN SHEEP, 1882, '87, '88, '90, '92, '93, '94, '96, '97, '98, '99.
 NON-MEMBERS' entry fees, 1847, '69, '97.
 NORFOLK OR SUFFOLK POLLED, 1856, '82; name altered to Red Polled, '83; which see.
 OFFICERS OF THE CLUB, rule as to giving information, 1828.
 OFFICES OF CLUB, 1886.
 OPEN CLASSES, 1876.
 OTHER PURE BREEDS, cattle, 1852.
 OVERMAN HENRY, member of Council; death, 1891.
 OXFORDSHIRE SHEEP, 1869, '70, '74, '75, '83, '90, '92, '96, '97, '99, 1900.
 PAILS, iron for use of stock, 1874.
 PENRHYN, LORD, V.P., 1868; donation to Club by, '71.
 PIGGERY, disinfection of, 1882.
 PIGS, doubts as to ages of, 1801; prizes offered, '01, '02, '45; dentition rule, '58, '65; three divisions for, '68; disqualification, '69, '70, and '74; class for single pigs, '76; weighing discontinued, '77; disqualification of, '80; other breeds abolished, classes for large white established, '80; Subcommittee on dentition, '81; Report of committee, '82; classes for Cross-bred, '82; certain classes abolished, others instituted and for single pigs, '83; rule requiring young pigs to be exhibited by breeder abolished, '83; classes above 12 and not exceeding 18 months old abolished, '84; other classes

- rearranged, '84; classes for Tamworths, '88; age of single pigs altered, '88; Council invited to consider disqualification of, '90; middle and large white compete together, '91; alteration of dentition rule 22, '91; prizes for Tamworths, '92; classes rearranged, '92; divisions for judging re-arranged, '92; gold medal for champion, '94; scheme for increased accommodation for, '94; not allowed from infected areas, '95; class instituted for Tamworth single pig, '97; separate classes for middle and large white, '98; champion prize offered by H.R.H. The Duke of York, '98 (see also dentition).
- PITHING**, instruments for, 1873.
- PLACARDS**, 1802; to show feeding only, '67; wording for disqualification, '82; size to be used by salesmen and purchasers, '87.
- PLATE**, 1800; to be on view, 1814.
- PLEURO-PNEUMONIA**, resolution and deputation to Privy Council, 1887; order by Privy Council, '88; resolution to Privy Council re Dutch cattle, '88; resolution to Minister of Agriculture, '89; deputation to President of Board of Agriculture, '90; resolution to Minister of Agriculture, '91; show in scheduled district, special regulations, '91.
- PORTABLE PLATFORM**, for sheep and pigs, 1886.
- PORTLAND**, DUKE OF, V.P., 1884; President, '91.
- PORTMAN**, LORD, Trustee, 1845; resignation, '60.
- PORTRAITS** of animals, 1850, '57, '81.
- POST-ENTRIES** adopted, 1886.
- POULTRY**, proposed exhibition of, 1852; exhibition of table poultry, in annexe, '94.
- POWELL**, E. J., appointed secretary, 1888.
- POWIS**, EARL OF, V.P., 1867; prize offered by, for slaughtering instrument, '70 and '72; President, '70; death, '91.
- PREMIUMS AND PRIZES**, 1798; revised, '99; to be printed in handbills, 1802; to be withheld if not of sufficient merit, '02; Champion, '06; for oxen, 120 st. and upwards, '06; to be divided between breeder and grazier, '10; amount of, '10; to be in plate, '13; Bedfordian Plate and Medals offered, '14; none offered, '17; £50 offered, '18; 25 guineas in, '19; to be in either plate or money, '23; to be distributed at annual dinner, '25; pounds instead of guineas, '48; tabular statement to members, 59; increased, '60; further increased, '62, '65, '69; cups for single wethers, '70, '72; cups for cattle, sheep, and pigs, '74; either in plate or money, '74; champion plate, sheep, '75; prizes for lambs, '75; increased, '76; for single pigs, '76; 2nd and 3rd withheld, unless 3 or 4 exhibits, '77; increased for Sussex cattle and for lambs, '78; additional prize when 10 entries, '79, '80; for large white pigs, '80; increased for lambs, '81; breed cups and lamb prizes, and for Cross-bred pigs, '82; increased for sheep and pigs, '83; champion for pigs, '83; increased for pigs, '84; additional for Aberdeen Angus, and Galloway steers and for single pigs, '85; alteration in breed cups, '87; altered for Welsh and Highland cattle, '88; offered for Devon sheep and Tamworth pigs, '88; for Galloway and small cattle, '91; altered for cows, '92; Highland heifers, '92; extra stock, '92; Galloway steers and sheep, '93; Cheviot and Mountain sheep, '94; Kerry, Dexters, Border Leicesters, and carcasses, '95; reduction in prizes, '96; additional cow classes instituted, '96; small cattle, '96; increased for Cheviots and Mountain, '96; additional classes, carcass, '96; Cross-bred yearling heifers, '97; increased prizes and breed cup, '97; prizes increased for Centenary, '98; additional classes in cattle and sheep Carcase competition, '98; equalization of prizes suggested, '99; Champion prize for best yearling beast, '99; reduction of prizes, lamb classes, '99; prizes for fresh classes, Cheviots, etc., '99; gold medals to winners of challenge cups, '99; champion prizes in Carcase competition, '99; one judge to award champion cups and plates, '99; value of Red Polled cup reduced, 1900; value of Border Leicester cup reduced, 1900; prizes for lambs and wethers transposed, 1900.
- PRESIDENT** to be elected annually, 1860; deputation, '66; entertainments given by, '73; for Centenary meeting in 1898 referred to special committee, '96.
- PRESS**, posting of awards for, 1864.
- PRIVATE VIEW**, exhibitors admitted, 1848; members admitted, '55; public admitted, '96.

- PRIVY COUNCIL, deputation to *re* fairs, quarantine regulations, and lairs, 1866; resolution to, '67; deputation to, '68; memorial to, on swine fever, '87; resolution to, *re* free admission of Dutch cattle, '88.
- PRIZE ANIMALS, alone exhibited, 1799; disqualified from again competing in same class, '68; rule modified, '21; abolished, '23; proposed reinforcement rejected, '86.
- PRIZE CARDS for herdsmen, etc., and butchers, 1871.
- PRIZE SHEET to be printed as a pamphlet, 1856; rearranged '60; revised, '62; list of members and winners added to, '67; Committee to revise, '79; to include annual report, '80; report of Committee on designation of breeds in, '84; list of members in, to be given in alphabetical order, '86.
- PROTESTS, rules regarding, 1864, addition to rule, '79, and '82.
- PRUSSIA, H.R.H. THE CROWN PRINCE OF, visits Show, 1862.
- PULLEN, DAVID, assistant secretary, death, 1880.
- PUSEY, PHILIP, M.P., elected V.P., 1843; moved resolution, '45; death, '55.
- QUEEN, HER MAJESTY THE, visited Show, 1844, '50, '60: first exhibited in own name, '67: donation from, '67: resolution to, '92, and '96; presents Challenge cup, '93; resolution to, '96; address of congratulation to, on completion of sixtieth year of reign, '97.
- RAILWAY COMPANIES, animals to travel in horse boxes or private conveyances, 1872: prices and accommodation for conveyance of live stock, '82; deputation to, '82: provision of special trucks, '88; communication to, respecting free passes to attendants, '92; deputation to, '93.
- READ, CLARE SEWELL, Trustee, 1888; V.P., '96.
- RED-POLLED CATTLE (see also Norfolk or Suffolk-polled), 1883; separate cup for '92, '95 '96; value of breed cup increased, '97; prizes increased, '98.
- REMOVAL OF ANIMALS after Show, 1887.
- REPORT, ANNUAL, to be printed in prize sheet, 1880.
- REPORT OF SHOW, written by H. H. Dixon, 1867, '68: discontinued, '70.
- RESERVE NUMBER, 1854.
- RICHMOND, CHARLES, 5TH DUKE OF, V.P., 1832; wins match, '34, '37; elected Trustee, '44; President, 1845-1860; profile on medals, '50; death, '60.
- RICHMOND, CHARLES HENRY, 6TH DUKE OF, V.P., 1860; President, '66; and again in '73.
- ROMNEY MARSH SHEEP (see Kentish).
- ROOM FOR HERDSMEN and shepherds, 1895.
- ROSEBURY, EARL OF, V.P., 1894.
- ROSETTES for prize winners, 1864.
- ROTHSCHILD, BARON FERDINAND DE, V.P., 1890; President elect and death, 1899.
- ROTHSCHILD, LEOPOLD DE, V.P., 1888; President, 1900.
- ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND, 1865; grant to, '72; invitation by to join deputation, '82.
- RUSSELL, LORD WILLIAM, chairman in absence of Duke of Bedford, 1806.
- RUTLAND, DUCHESS OF, member, 1823.
- RYELAND SHEEP, 1874, '75, '81, '82, '83, '87, '97.
- SADLER'S YARD, Goswell Street, Show held at, 1806; proprietors' contribution, '08; to give more, '34; Show held at for last time, '38.
- SANDY, W., Trustee, 1877; resigns, '87.
- SCARBOROUGH, EARL OF, V.P., 1838.
- SCOTCH CATTLE, 1839, '45, '52, '55, '56, '70, '74, '75, '79, '82, '84, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91, '92, '94, '97, '99, 1900.
- SCOTCH SHEEP, 1893.
- SCRUTINEERS, 1873.
- SEBRIGHT, SIR JOHN, V.P., 1814; declines Presidency, '21; offers gold medal for Southdowns, '31; death, '45.
- SECRETARY, 1798, 1801, '06, '07, '15, '26: hon., '36; paid, '85.
- SECRETARY, ASSISTANT, hon. sec. to appoint, 1863; salary increased, '73, '83; authorized to countersign cheques, '83, '84.
- SECRETARY OF STATE, acknowledges vote of condolence to H.M. the Queen, '96.
- SERVANTS OF EXHIBITORS, gratuity to, 1799, 1800, '02, '03; names to be stated, '47; service for, '63; diploma and gratuity for, '64: to lead out own animals before judges, '71: duties, 81: to surrender tickets on leaving, '82; to be in attendance for weighing animals, '89; room for, '95.
- SHEEP, Gloucester, 1799; early maturity of, 1800; to be unshorn, 1800; two classes, long and short woolled, 1800; new classes, '02; want of competition in yearling sheep, '04; shorn, '19; ear marking instituted, '26; gold

- medals, '31; Southdowns, '34, '35; gold medals confined to one-year old classes, '41; to exhibitors instead of breeders, '42; Cross-bred class, '42, '47; feeding of, '48; new class, '48; silver medals for extra stock, '55; ages, '63; all judges to award cups, '63; ear marking discontinued, '64; Cross-bred long-wool, '68; Hampshire and Oxford Down, '69; champion plate for, '69; champion plate, single sheep, discontinued, '70; new classes for ewes, '70; cups for single wethers, '70; Cross-bred class for sheep with limited weight abolished, '71; other classes abolished, '72; Kentish, '73; Cross-bred, '73; class for Ryeland, Cheviot, and Dorset ewes, '74; wethers, '75; lamb classes, established, '75; champion plate, '75; classes for two-year olds abolished, '76; lambs eligible for champion cup, '79; gold medal for breeder of champion pen, '79; class for Suffolk wethers, '80; three additional judges for, '80; Suffolk lambs, '81; alteration of classes, '82; alteration of ages and prizes, '83; Suffolk, words "black-faced" omitted, '86; classes amalgamated and prizes altered, '87; classes instituted for Devons and Long-wools, '88; separate classes for Cheviots abolished, '88; nine judges to award champion plate, '89; shorn, '90; champion prize divided, £30 short-woolled and £20 long-woolled, '90; to be shorn year of exhibition, '90; breed cups, Kentish, Suffolk and Dorset, Cheviot and Mountain, '92; divisions for judging re-arranged, '92; Cheviot classes re-established, '94; Border Leicesters, '95; Cheviots, '96; champion plates increased, short-wools to £50, long-wools, £30, alterations in prize list, '97, '98; champion long-woolled cup increased to £50, '98; ewe classes abolished, '98; excessive colouring deprecated, 1900.
- SHORTHORN CATTLE, 1806, '07, '08, '09, '10, '25, '52, '69, '74, '75, '78, '82, '87, '88, '92, '95, '96, '98, '99.
- SHORT-WOOLLED SHEEP, 1831, '41, '48, '69, '71; see also Sheep.
- SHOW, duration of, reduced to 2 days, 1813; altered to 4 days, '40; date and duration altered owing to cattle plague, 1865.
- SHROPSHIRE SHEEP, 1870, '74, '75, '83, '87, '90, '92, '96, '97, '99, 1900.
- SIMONDS, PROFESSOR, resigns office of veterinary inspector, 1872; elected honorary veterinary inspector, 72; paper on dentition of pig to be re-printed, '80.
- SINCLAIR, SIR JOHN, opposes proposed dissolution of club, 1817.
- SINGLE PIGS, 1883.
- SLAUGHTERING CATTLE, instrument for, 1870, '72, '73; see Pithing.
- SMALL CATTLE, class instituted for, 1891, '92; classes rearranged, '96, '98.
- SMALL WHITE PIGS, 1883, '84.
- SMITHFIELD CATTLE AND SHEEP SOCIETY, founded 1798; first show and dinner, '99; reconstituted, 1800; assumed name Smithfield Club, '02; proposed dissolution, '16; again urged by Duke of Bedford, '21; without President, '21; Council of, '62, '63, '65, '71, '72, '81; hours of closing Show, '85; centenary, '98; incorporation recommended by select committee, '99; incorporated, 1900.
- SMITHFIELD CLUB not responsible for non-delivery of stock, 1864.
- SOMERVILLE, LORD, on Committee, 1798; appointed to attend weighing of prize animals, '06; Show, '08; V.P., '14; died, 1819.
- SOUTHDOWN SHEEP, 1831, '34, '35, '48, '70, '74, '75, '83, '87, '90, '92, '96, '97.
- SPENCER, JOHN CHARLES, 3RD EARL, President, 1825-1845; wins sweepstakes, '29; testimonial to, '30, '31, '35; profile on medal, '40, '42; elected Trustee, '44; death, '45.
- SPENCER, FREDERICK, 4TH EARL, V.P., 1845; death, '57.
- SPENCER, JOHN POYNTZ, 5TH EARL, V.P., 1860; President, '65.
- STEERS AND OXEN, distinction, 1841; ages rearranged, 64; ages altered, '78; class for old steers abolished, '95, '96.
- STEWARDS, 1801; to examine certificates, '09; one to retire each year, '18; 3 in number, '27; to audit accounts, '31; three additional, 39; expenses allowed, '40; fees discontinued, '42, '51; must have been members three years, '54; to nominate their successors, '55; election of, '62; two for implements appointed, '63; ex-officio members of Council and fee, '65; power to disqualify pigs, '74; to remove animals, '75; election of, '79; duties of, '83; control of stands, '88; instructions to stewards, '93; authorised to appoint two assistants judging day, '99.
- Stock to be conveyed in horse boxes, rescinded, 1873.
- STONE, altered to 14 lbs., 1834.

- STRATHAVEN, LORD, V.P., 1819; death, '21.
- SUFFOLK SHEEP, 1880, '81, '82, '83, '86, '87, '90, '92, '96, '97.
- SUSSEX CATTLE, 1800, '06, '07, '09, '10, '12, '56, '69, '72, '74, '75, '78, '82, '87, '88, '92, '94, '95, '96, '98, '99.
- SUTHERLAND, DUKE OF, V.P., 1871.
- SWAN YARD, Show held at, 1804.
- SWEEPSTAKES, won by Duke of Bedford, 1825; proposed by President, '28; by Lord Spencer, '29.
- SWINBURNE, SIR JOHN, BART., V.P., 1884; President, '92.
- SWINE FEVER, resolution and deputation to Privy Council, 1887; resolution concerning, '92; exhibition of pigs not held owing to, '94; not allowed from infected areas, '95.
- TAMWORTH PIGS, classes for, 1888; prizes increased and breed cup, '92; single pig class, '97.
- TAVISTOCK, MARQUIS OF, declines presidency, 1813; V.P., '19.
- TINDALL, C. W., moves for special committee to enquire into the Club's constitution, 1899; and resolution of Incorporation, '99.
- TORR, W., Trustee, 1867.
- TOWER, C. T., V.P., 1859; death, '67.
- TREASURER, 1798, 1806.
- TREDEGAR, CHARLES, 1ST LORD, V.P., 1861; President, '64 and '72.
- TREDEGAR, G. DREY, 2ND LORD, V.P., 1875; President, '80.
- TRUSTEES, 1844; to sell out consols, '76; to sign cheques, '84; authority to sell consols, '98; to approve design for centenary medal, '98.
- VANS, inspector to superintend cleansing of, 1881.
- VENTILATION of hall, 1874; piggery, '82.
- VETERINARY INSPECTOR, fee, 1864; attendance night and day, '65; examination, '72: Professor Simonds resigns, and Professor Brown appointed, '72; to inspect herds of pigs, '82: to examine dentition of cattle and sheep exhibited, '84 and '85, continued, '86.
- VOTING PAPER, dates of election as members to be given on, 1873.
- VOTING by proxy, suggested and decided against, 1899; amended rule relating to voting, '99.
- WALES, H.R.H. PRINCE OF, visits Show, 1854 and '62; member, '62; exhibitor, '67; President, '75; second time President, '83; resolution to, '92; third time President, '98; portrait on special centenary medal, '98; challenge cup for sheep offered by, '98; resolution to, '98: vote of thanks to, at centenary meeting, and reply of, '98.
- WALSINGHAM, LORD, V.P., 1859; President, '63.
- WALSINGHAM, LORD, V.P., 1874; President, '77.
- WALTER, A. F., V.P., 1896.
- WALTER, JOHN, V.P., 1879; president, '82; death, '93.
- WANTAGE, LORD, V.P., 1871; President, '74.
- WEBB, JONAS, Chairman of Agricultural Hall Co., 1860.
- WEBB JONAS, Trustee, 1895; V.P., '99.
- WEIGHING, INSPECTION OF, 1804, '06, '37.
- WEIGHTS, stone altered to 14 lbs., 1834, '45, '68; list of to be divided into classes, '89; see also "Dead Weights" and "Live Weights."
- WELSH CATTLE, 1839, '45, '52, '53, '55, '75, '79, '82, '84, '88, '89, '90; separate cup for, '92, '95, '96; value of breed cup increased, '97; ages of steer classes altered, '97; prizes increased, '98.
- WEST HIGHLAND CATTLE (see Highland Cattle)
- WESTCARR, JOHN, on Committee, 1798.
- WESTERN C. COLLIS, M.P., afterwards Lord Western, V.P., 1814; death, '44.
- WHITE PIGS, 1868, '74, '85, '92.
- WILKES, JOSEPH, of Measham, original proposer of Smithfield Club, 1798.
- WILSON, SIR JACOB, V.P., 1896.
- WINCHILSEA EARL OF, on Committee, 1798.
- WINTERTON, EARL, V.P., 1886; President, '99.
- WOOTTON'S LIVERY STABLES, first Show held at, 1799; last Show, 1804.
- WORTLEY, ROBERT, member of Council: death, 1899.
- WYON, WILLIAM, R.A., to engrave die for medal, 1840, '50.
- YARBOROUGH, EARL OF, V.P., 1847; death, '60.
- YORK, H.R.H. THE DUKE OF, prize winner, 1806.
- YORK, H.R.H. THE DUKE OF, K.G., member and Vice-President of Club, 1893; challenge cup for pigs offered by, '98.
- YOUNG, ARTHUR, Secretary, 1798, 1801: resigns secretaryship, '06; resigns membership, '16.

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